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## Thatcher advises Reagan

### Tighten control on economic plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, declaring that "now is the time to stay on course," is encouraging U.S. President Reagan to stick to his economic program even when the going gets tough. The Conservative British leader has put into practice the same basic economic program proposed by Reagan for the United States blending tax and spending cuts in an effort to increase productivity and reduce inflation.

Despite high unemployment and 15 per cent inflation in England, Mrs. Thatcher said "We're winning that battle" and gave Reagan some advice at a state dinner in her honor Thursday night at the White House. "The only true solution is a revitalized economy, providing real jobs of permanent economic viability," she said during a toast to her host. "That is our goal and we're going to stick to it. Now above all is the time to stay on course."

Her statement came several hours after the two leaders met for talks in the Oval Office and the cabinet room after Mrs. Thatcher was welcomed as the first leader of a major Western ally at the White House.

Nearly two years after Mrs. Thatcher took office, her economic program has yet to bring major relief. At 15 per cent, inflation is down from a high of 22 per cent, but still more than the 10 per cent level when Mrs. Thatcher took office. Unemployment exceeds nine per cent and bankruptcies are at record levels. Administration officials are trying during Mrs. Thatcher's visit to distance Reagan's prescription of \$41.1 billion spending cuts in fiscal year 1982 and a 30 per cent reduction in



WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher stands by the U.S. President Ronald Reagan on the south lawn of the White House during arrival ceremonies for her state visit Thursday.

income taxes over three years from the British arrangement.

After their talks earlier Thursday, Reagan declared that any nation that threatens world security should know "Britain and America will stand side by side." The president said a Soviet invitation for a summit needed to be "carefully studied" and reiterated his position that he would want to consult with allies before deciding whether to accept.

At a meeting with the Washington Press Club after her talks with Reagan, Mrs. Thatcher urged him to be cautious before accepting the Soviet proposal. "If there was a genuine wish to improve relations," she said "it could have been so easily done by a withdrawal (of Soviet troops) from Afghanistan, which would be something very practical which really goes a good deal further than rhetoric."

While complimenting the administration on its approach to foreign affairs, Mrs. Thatcher said it was "absolutely vital" that any steps toward a summit be very carefully prepared.

Mrs. Thatcher said she assured U.S. officials that the European "initiative" to help settle the Arab-Israeli dispute was not intended to compete with the negotiations under American auspices. She expressed the opinion that the current initiative would help clarify certain notions and terms that have been stumbling blocks in the negotiations, such as Palestinian rights and Israel's right to exist in security.

Both expressed identical views on most other subjects, including the danger of Soviet military might "far beyond the needs of defense," as Reagan put it, and the desirability of restoring economic stability in Britain and the United States.

In a jarring note struck during a day of mutual professions of loyalty and friendship, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan criticized Mrs. Thatcher's handling of Britain's economy, saying she had failed to reduce government spending enough. Testifying at a congressional hearing before sitting down to lunch with Mrs. Thatcher, Regan predicted the president's very similar conservative economic program would succeed by avoiding her mistakes.

## Effective March 6

# Local air fares up 70%

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 — A 70 per cent increase in domestic air fares will take effect March 6, Saudia announced Friday. The increase, the first in ten years "does not exceed 34 per cent of the actual fare in real terms," the statement added.

Saudia has been running a loss of SR100 per local ticket for more than five years — while the government made up the difference of about 70 per cent.

The statement did not say whether the government stopped the subsidy, but added that the increase was submitted to the Council of Ministers which approved it after a detailed study.

Saudia officials will collect the price differential on unused tickets, the statement said. It referred to the rising costs of aviation worldwide, the high cost of aircraft, spare parts, qualified personnel, fuel, landing and ground services which have combined to raise the Aviation cost several times in the last few years.

Saudia raised the cost of its international flights by 35 per cent during 1979. Internal fares have remained steady since 1975 while other airlines have raised theirs by up to 60 per cent. In 1975 Saudia again reduced its internal fares by 25 per cent for the economy class and by 15 per cent for first class passengers. The fares became even lower than those for road transportation in the Kingdom which raised the number of passengers by 78 per cent internally and 32 per cent internationally causing a serious imbalance between income and expenditure leading to substantial losses.

The statement recalled that the cost per mile per passenger in the Kingdom has been U.S. 5.05 cents compared to 30.15 in other Arab countries. In addition, Saudia provides better services and superior aircraft for its internal flight, the statement said.

"The increase is only a partial cover of some of the basic costs sustained by the company," the company said. "Profit is not our intention," it added.

The reduction of air fares beginning in 1975 aimed at providing a comfortable and reasonably cheap mode of travel in the absence of organized road and rail transport. Only privately owned taxis plied between the major cities driving across the desert at high speeds. Since last year the Saudi Arabian Transport Company, SAPTCO, has been organizing convenient, inter-city, cross country travel in luxurious buses which may become even more popular with the sharp increase in air fares.

Meanwhile in London, several Arab airline carriers Friday announced a reduction in the price of excursion tickets effective April 1.

The new price of a 14-day valid return ticket will be £301 to the capitals of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt.

The companies also decided to raise air fares to these capitals for tickets of between 10 and 35 days from £412.5 to £437.5. One-year ticket will rise from £512 to £538, the companies said.

## Meets Fahd

# Peace mission leaves today

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 — An eight-nation goodwill mission recently formed by Muslim leaders to mediate the Iraq-Iranian war held a meeting here on the eve of its departure Saturday to Tehran and Baghdad.

The meeting Friday night was attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saudi Al Faisal and Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Members of the mission later called on Crown Prince Fahd, and officials sources here said that the mission will report to King

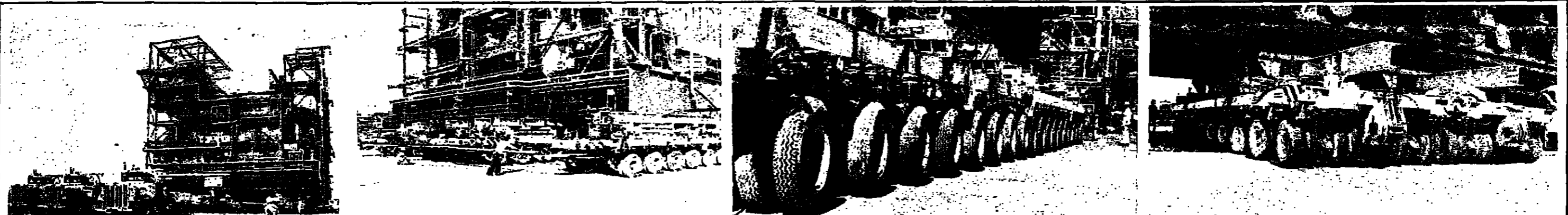
Khaled on its mediation upon its return from Tehran and Baghdad later this week.

The mission, which has the support of the Islamic world, was set up by Muslim heads of state during their third summit in Taif last month. Members of the mission, who arrived here Thursday and Friday, include presidents Zia-ul-Haq (Pakistan); Ziaur Rahman (Bangladesh); Dawood Jawara (Gambia); Ahmed Sekou Toure (Guinea); Prime Ministers Oloso (Turkey); and Tunku Ahmed Riza (Malaysia); Ambassador Mustapha Sese (Senegal); and Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The mission also includes Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

A spokesman for the Pakistani delegation however denied Friday that his country was planning a ceasefire proposal. In a statement to Arab News the spokesman said that "it was up to the mission to devise an approach to the conflict."

OIC quarters meanwhile welcome Iran's readiness to receive the high-level mission and described Iran's acceptance as a "highly important development" to halt the bloody war between the two Muslim neighboring

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THE LARGEST LOAD-MOVING: The Saudi Arabian Transport Organization Ltd. (SATOL) has recently transported the last of five huge boilers to the site of a desalination plant in Yanbu, on the Red Sea, in what was described as the largest load-moving operation of its kind in the Middle East. Each boiler, weighing about 2,000 tons and measuring 100 meters long by 100 wide and as high as a seven storey building, was carried over 350-wheel vehicle. The custom made vehicle, or trailer, built by Schenker of Germany, features hydraulic pistons to elevate the loads off the support platform and each wheel is computer-controlled to set the right radius of each "tire" during maneuvering. The trailer is pulled forward by three powerful Oshkosh trucks and two additional trucks attached from behind act as brakes. The transport operation placed each boiler in position with high precision of less than one millimeter off alignment. The boilers were manufactured by Mitsubishi of Japan and shipped to Yanbu as one piece each.

## 16 die as U.S. plane crashes

SUBIC NAVAL BASE, Philippines, Feb. 27 (AP) — A U.S. Air Force plane carrying 24 military personnel from four countries crashed into the South China Sea Thursday, killing at least 16 of those aboard. Seven were missing and a lone survivor was in a serious condition.

Planes and boats searching for survivors or bodies were being called back at dark, said Lt. Cmdr. Fred G. Leeder of the Subic Naval Base Information Office.

## Cost of living up 3.1 per cent

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Cost of living in the Kingdom made a slight increase of 3.1 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year, the Ministry of Finance and National Economy reported Friday.

In its quarterly Statistical Summary, the ministry described the increase as acceptable and as a good indicator toward price stability when compared with that of the sharp price increase of commodities and goods in industrial nations.

The ministry, however, added that the 3.1 per cent increase came as a result of price increases in foodstuffs (6 per cent); housing (1.8 per cent); clothing (6 per cent); and miscellaneous goods (.7 per cent); in the same of period.

It added that the unrestricted trade of Saudi Arabia and its open-door policy helped create strong competition in local markets — a development which also helped reduce inflation and stabilize prices in the country.

## Copter forced to free 2 inmates

PARIS, Feb. 27 (AP) — Two men armed with pistols and a grenade hijacked a helicopter Friday and forced the pilot to pluck two inmates from the courtyard of a high-security prison near Paris before escaping in an aerial chase with police choppers in hot pursuit, authorities said.

Prison officials said the helicopter landed in the yard of Fleury-Merogis Prison near Evry, apparently during the convicts' morning exercises, and picked up Gerard Dupre, 33, and Daniel Beaumont, 40. Dupre is regarded as one of France's most dangerous men, officials said. He is suspected of a series of a holdups, some involving hostages. He was arrested last Jan. 7, while allegedly preparing a holdup at the Grade du Nord Railroad Station in Paris. There were no immediate details on Beaumont.

The helicopter, chased by police choppers, set Dupre, Beaumont and the two hijackers down on a sports field on the edge of the inner city of Paris and the pilot then flew the craft back to its base in western Paris. The inmates and the gunmen apparently made good their escape from the sports field.

The two men who organized the escape had rented helicopters twice in the past two weeks to take passengers to Orleans, past Evry to the south of Paris, said Yves Benzaken, a spokesman for the helicopter rental company Helicop. The men said Friday's run would be for the same purpose, but 10 minutes after take-off they pulled out pistols and a hand grenade, Benzaken said.

They told pilot Claude Fourcade 46, that his wife and daughter were being held hostage — which was false, according to Benzaken — and forced him to carry out the escape. Benzaken said the door of the helicopter bore the mark of a bullet, apparently fired at the craft during the chase.

Schoolchildren at a sports ground near the Porte d'Orleans in southern Paris later reported that a candy-stripper had made a perfect landing in the kick-off circle of their football pitch. They said four men jumped out, one carrying an attache case, and ran to a car, where a man was waiting with all four doors open for a flying start. Police were later following up leads that the pair were heading to Belgium to join Dupre's Liege-based brother, who visited the prisoner three weeks ago.

## Three Britons leave Iran for home

ATHENS, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Three Britons flew to freedom from Iran Friday but were kept incommunicado and whisked away in heavily-guarded cars as soon as they landed in Athens. After six months in jail and two days of agonizing last-minute delays, missionary doctors John and Audrey Coleman, both 57, and Scottish Anglican Jean Waddell, 58, former secretary to the Anglican bishop of Iran, looked in good spirits as they stepped off their plane in Greece. They were acquitted of spying by Iran.

A British embassy spokesman said they would spend the night at the ambassador's residence before flying to Britain Saturday. At Tehran airport, they were kept in a separate departure lounge and nobody could talk to them. They were put aboard the plane last and again isolated in the upstairs cabin of the Jumbo jet at the express orders of the prime minister's office so that nobody should speak to them. As soon as the aircraft landed here, they were taken away in two official cars, surrounded by a strong police cordon.

The Colemans and Miss Waddell have worked in Iran for many years and they said

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Articles of association proposed

# Gulf unity council meetings end

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Experts from six Gulf states ended their meetings here after discussing articles of association for the proposed Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

The next meeting will be held in Muscat, Oman, March 4 to continue hearing proposals from the member states. The Kingdom's representative Ismail Al Shuri, a foreign ministry ambassador, said the experts had submitted proposals on the articles and they were discussed in detail. The final report will be submitted to the foreign ministers also meeting in Muscat at the end of March, he said.

Those taking part in the meeting represented Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the U.A.E. The council was formed during a meeting of the foreign ministers here earlier this month. It was resolved to step up the process of uniting the countries by setting up a general council and

permanent secretariat. The announcement said that the countries concerned will work to coordinate various activities with the aim of establishing common procedures and regulations. These would include economic, financial, educational, cultural, health, communications, information, passport and nationality, travel, commerce, customs, freight, legal and judicial affairs.

The proposal was first made by Kuwait, whose foreign minister Sabah Al Ahmad presented a draft plan for closer unity to the other states and obtained their tentative agreement before the formal foreign ministers meeting. The countries agreed to form a council to handle the mechanics of unity among the member states. The heads of states will form the supreme council with each leader presiding by rotation. It will meet twice a year and may do so more frequently if necessary. Each member will have the rights

to call an emergency meeting, supported by at least one other member. It will lay down the policy and the guidelines for the main body and to arbitrate in the event of dispute.

The ministerial council comprises the foreign ministers or their representatives. It will work out the articles of association of the secretariat and prepare for meetings of the supreme council, prepare the reports, issues, recommendations, statutes and legislation to be submitted to the supreme council along with the timetable of meetings. It will hold six meetings a year, once every two months and can also meet more frequently if necessary.

The general council will have a secretary general to be nominated by the supreme council. The move was seen as a step forward in the direction of cooperation. It will streamline the laws and regulations of the states and coordinate their foreign and internal policies and present a more united front to the rest of the world. Crown Prince Fahd said it was not aimed against anyone or any bloc. "On the contrary," he said, "It is a step forward for the advancement, prosperity and stability of the countries and people of the areas as called for by the Arab League charter."

## Korean minister leaves Kingdom

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The South Korean deputy foreign minister, Kim Dong, left Riyadh Thursday after heading his country's delegation to the joint Saudi-Korean committee meeting.

The committee that ended its meetings Wednesday agreed to pursue all methods to achieve closer cooperation in economic, technical, construction, trade exchange and manpower fields.

Meanwhile, South Korea welcomed the results of the Third Islamic Summit Conference, held in Mecca and Taif in January. The deputy foreign minister said his country also welcomes the formation of the Gulf Cooperation Council. Gong said South Korea welcomes the interests of the Islamic Community which strives for unity and solidarity. This serves the Islamic World and all countries which have good relations with them, he added.

# Hejaz railway reopening to be considered

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The Hejaz Railroad Project Executive Committee will meet in Riyadh Saturday to study the feasibility of reopening the old railroad that links Medina to Damascus via Jordan.

A report on the feasibility of reviving the project has been prepared by a consulting company. The results of the executive committee's meeting will be submitted to a meeting of the Committee for the Recommissioning of the Hejaz Railroad Sunday also in Riyadh.

The commissioning committee comprises communication and transport ministers of the three member countries, the Kingdom, Syria and Jordan.

Jordanian Deputy Transport Minister Dr. Hashem Al-Tajer arrived here Thursday to attend the meeting of the executive committee that comprises deputy ministers of the

## Seminar to focus on Arab cities

MEDINA, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The first scientific seminar on the Arab City will be opening here Saturday. More than 18 states as well as representatives of the Arab and African cities organization, rectors of Arab universities, Ulema and researchers will take part in the seminar organized by the Arab Cities Organization.

The major theme is how best to plan and develop the Arab city without neglecting its basic Arab-Islamic character.

Meanwhile, the fourth annual week of the role of the mosque will begin here March 16. The week is sponsored by the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments to focus on the role played by mosques in Arab and Muslim society. Other government departments, including the Higher Education Ministry and the Youth Welfare Presidency are helping in the organization.

In a separate development, Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University held a ceremony here Thursday evening to mark the closing of its cultural and educational camp.

In Riyadh, the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) held a seminar Thursday jointly with the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry on the petrochemical and support industries in Saudi Arabia. Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel, deputy governor and delegated member to the board of SABIC, and other engineers briefed the seminar on the corporations' projects, especially those in Jubail.

three countries. Syrian Transport Minister Muharrar Tabbarah and Jordanian Transport Minister Ali Al-Suhaimat arrived here Friday to attend the higher commission meeting.

The nearly one-year long feasibility study was carried by a West German consortium of Dorsch Consult and the state railroad organization, Deutsche Bundesbahn, under a \$4.5 million contract. The 1,300 kilometer rail-

road will be rebuilt on a standard gauge to link Damascus to Medina. The Ministry of Communication is also considering extending the railroad to Jeddah or Riyadh.

The two meetings will decide whether to go ahead with the project. The old narrow-gauge pilgrim line from Damascus to Medina was opened in 1908. During World War I, it was used to supply a Turkish garrison at Medina, but was destroyed by nationalists.

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12.33	12.34	12.05	11.52	12.17	12.46
Assr (Evening)	3.55	3.55	3.26	3.12	3.36	4.05
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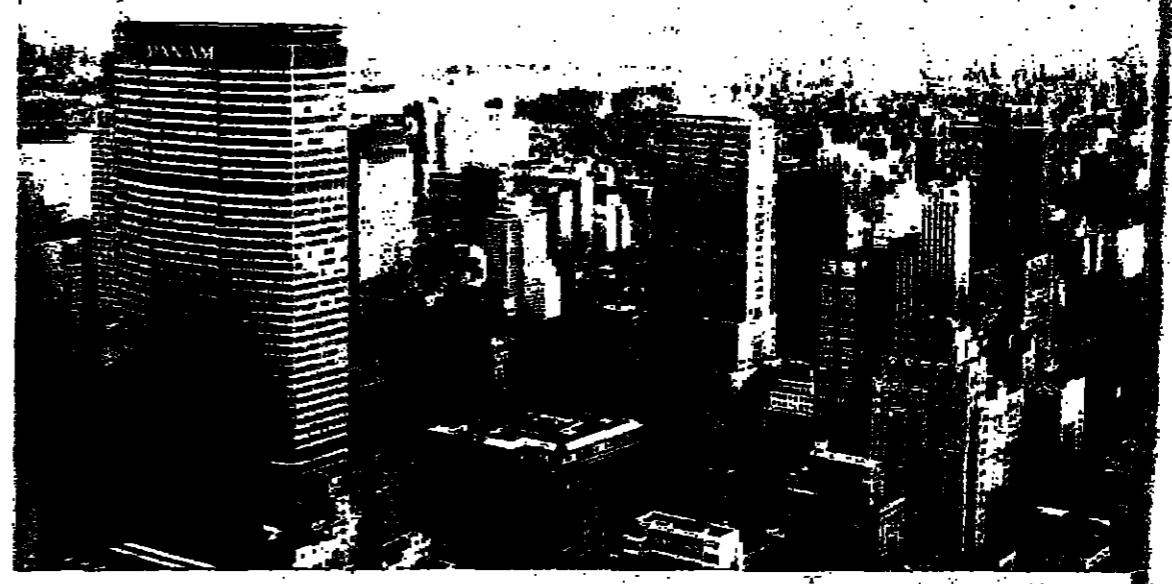
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# Reagan okays sale of F-15 accessories

**Washington Bureau**  
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 — The Reagan administration has decided to sell Saudi Arabia advanced equipment for the 60 F-15's it currently has on order, American sources said, Friday.  
 The administration, according to official sources, will present Congress with the Saudi arms package within a week. Congress then has thirty days to either oppose or approve the sale.  
 Congressional sources have informed Arab sources that they do not expect any difficulty in winning approval for this sale. They pointed out that there is substantial support for the Saudi request on Capitol Hill.  
 In addition to the accessory equipment, the request includes AWAC aircraft and AIM-7 air-to-air surface missiles, these sources added.  
 White House sources said that the Reagan administration would like to show that it is not "one-sided" on Middle East issues and also demonstrate its friendship with Saudi Arabia.  
 It is important to point out that the administration's decision to support the sale followed Prince Fahd's remarks last Sunday that Saudi Arabia was willing to buy arms from the Soviet Union if the West would not sell them advanced arms.  
 Eighteen members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee had sent a letter to Secretary of State Alexander Haig expressing their concern over the administration's decision to sell advanced F-15 equipment to Saudi Arabia.  
 The letter, which won the support of approximately 50 per cent of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, did not call for Reagan to oppose the sale but rather expressed concern that the sale would "immeasurably complicate" Israel's security problems, according to informed sources.  
 Those signing the letter argued that the accessories would not boost Saudi defense needs as defense sources claim, but serve instead to "diminish Saudi security" by mak-

ing it the potential target for pre-emptive military strike, congressional sources said. The letter went on to call for explicit changes in Saudi policy towards Egypt and Israel as a prerequisite for congressional approval of the sale, sources added.  
 Despite the opposition expressed, Israel and its supporters here do not want to confront the new administration over this issue, according to diplomatic sources.  
 While the pro-Israel lobby found more support in the house than the Senate in opposition to this sale. It has become clear that it no longer wields the power it previously commanded on Capitol Hill, sources noted. The administration in an attempt to mollify Israel and its supporters over this sale plans to offer additional military assistance to Israel, defense sources noted.  
 According to Pentagon sources, the Reagan administration is planning to offer Israel 15 additional F-15's at preferential financing terms. In addition, the administration is expected to give Israel the go-ahead on selling its "Kafir" jets and other military equipment containing American components to Taiwan, Ecuador and South Africa, these sources pointed out.  
 Reagan has made it clear to the Israelis that the Saudi sale does not deter America's commitment to Israel's security needs, sources say, and has offered the additional F-15's as proof of that commitment. One congressional source expressing Israel's frustration over this sale said "they don't like the appearance or the precedent of having been bought off."  
 The Israelis are said to be unhappy about the financing being offered by the administration arguing that it is inadequate given their difficult economic situation.  
 This argument was used successfully by Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir in his visit with Reagan last week, according to Pentagon sources. Shamir is reported to have won a pledge from Reagan on permission to sell the Kfir jets as a means of helping its overburdened economy.

# Apicorp, Kingdom discuss lube plant project

AL KHOBAR, Saudi Arabia, Feb. 27 (AP) — Discussions are underway between the Saudis and a pan-Arab financial firm to establish a 4,000 barrels per day lubrication oil plant on the Kingdom's Red Sea coast, officials here disclosed Thursday.  
 Petromin, the Saudi Arabian national oil company, and the Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation (APICORP), are discussing the formation of a joint venture to construct and operate the "lube" plant at either coastal towns of Yanbu or Rabigh.  
 The project will be the first pan-Arab development project initiated by APICORP in the Kingdom. APICORP is a branch of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting

Countries (OAPEC) formed to consolidate Arab investment into joint ventures for the development of hydrocarbon and other industries in Arab countries.  
 "Saudi Arabia has welcomed the idea of implementing a pan-Arab project. We are now discussing with them the structure of the joint venture, the legal structure and other matters," an APICORP executive said. He said construction is expected to begin in 1982 and the plant should begin operations by mid-1985.  
 Production will total 200,000 tons per year of "lube" oils with possible expansion to 400,000 tons in the future. The plant's total

production will be exported to other Arab countries at market prices, officials said. An initial study of the project by APICORP estimated an Arab "lube" oils market in Arab demand for the oils to 1.3 billion tons per year by 1985. The plant will employ approximately 300 workers.

# Electricity show to open

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 — The first middle East Electricity Exhibition opens at the Jeddah Expo Center from 28 February — 5 March 1981. Supported by the Ministry of Industry and Electricity, it has attracted over 200 specialist electrical manufacturing companies from all over the world, an exhibition press statement said Friday.  
 They include seven of the ten largest heavy electrical engineering concerns in Europe, Japan and the USA, and the Government of Finland, France, Korea, United Kingdom, the USA and West Germany are officially supporting the exhibition, according to the statement.  
 A major attraction to both visitors and exhibitors will be the Ministry of Industry and Electricity stand, which will feature development in the Kingdom over the past 30 years and plans for industrialization and electricity supply in the future.  
 The Middle East Electricity Exhibition is organized by Fairs and Exhibition Limited of London and Al-Harthy Company (Exhibitions and services Division) of Jeddah. Promotion of the event is in co-operation with Middle East Electricity Magazine. The Jeddah Expo Center is situated on the Eastern Perimeter Road, close to the King Abdul Aziz University, and the exhibition is open daily from 10:00 hours to 13:00 hours and

from 17:00 hours to 22:00 hours. Admission is free.  
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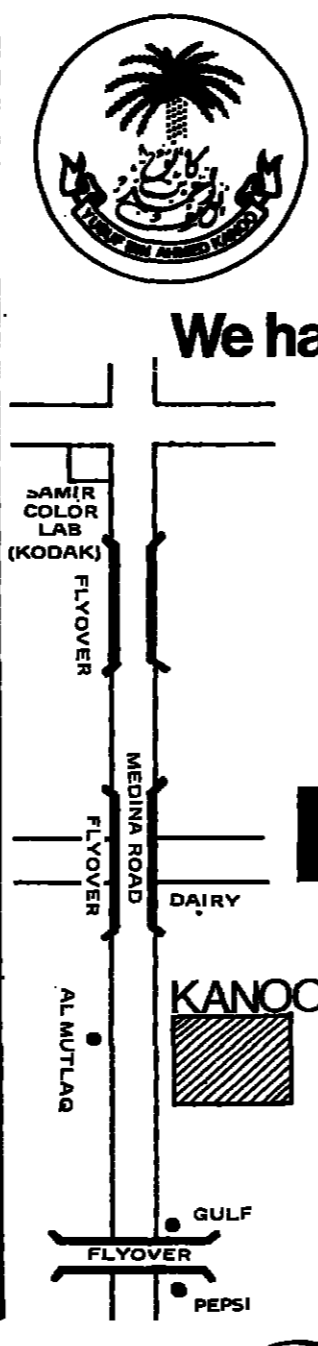
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# Israel to settle 8,000 Jews on West Bank

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27 (AP) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin's government says it plans to settle 8,000 Jews in the occupied West Bank this year, bringing the total of Israelis there to 26,500.

Seventy-three settlements have been built, six are under construction and four more are awaiting the government's green light, according to data made public by the world Zionist organization which participates in Jewish settlement projects.

An official told a reporter some 3,000 Jews would move into the West Bank in the coming months, and 5,000 more by the end of the

year. Parliament's finance committee has approved \$4 million for the construction of 400 homes in already-existing settlements, to be ready by June 30, the date of national elections.

Begin's Likud government considers the settlements and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty to be their biggest electoral assets, and it is making efforts to publicize these achievements.

The U.S. government and other foreign authorities have criticized the settlements as obstacles to peace.

## In secret document

# Europe urges Israeli pullout

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP) — A secret European community document outlined by diplomats of member-states says Israel must withdraw from occupied territories to mid-1967 positions inside two years. The paper approved by the heads of nine community nations in Luxembourg, Dec. 2, brands as "illegal under international law" all Israeli settlements founded since 1948 and favors

their dismantlement.

There are 30 such settlements in the Golan Heights, 68 in the West Bank of Jordan, six in Gaza. Details of the document emerged as President Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig began two-day talks in Washington with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington.

# Nusrat Bhutto arrested

By Shahid Orakzai  
Arab News Correspondent

RAWALPINDI, Feb. 27 — Nusrat Bhutto, widow of executed Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and life chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of her husband was detained by authorities along with 86 supporters when she violated the martial law ban on political activities by leading a small procession in Lahore Thursday, a government statement said.

Other detainees included Meraj Muhammad Khan, a close associate and a one-time heir apparent of the former premier. An official statement said some defunct political parties held a meeting at Lahore which later shaped into a procession raising slogans against the government of Gen. Zia.

The initiative, first since Zia banned politics in October 1979, was led by the recently-formed nine-party alliance and followed the countrywide student agitation over the fortnight. Zia blamed foreign hand for student violence and said he would expose it at "an appropriate moment."

Before leaving for Jeddah to join the OIC peace mission, Zia said he would announce his new cabinet within 24 hours of his return. The formation of the new cabinet which he said would include some political figures, is seen by observers as an attempt to broaden the base of his government.

# Peace treaty 'isolates Egypt'

CAIRO, Feb. 27 (R) — One hundred prominent Egyptians, including two former vice-presidents and at least five former ministers, have said Egypt's peace treaty with Israel had isolated the country and failed to bring the expected benefits. In a signed statement issued on the eve of the first anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel, the group said Wednesday the Camp David peace treaty had failed to bring prosperity, reduce military spending or strengthen the country's political and economic independence.

They said the treaty had isolated Egypt from the Arab and Islamic worlds without helping toward an overall settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

## BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Dozens of Arabs have been arrested on suspicion of forming a commando underground group founded on Islamic fundamentalism and armed with weapons stolen from the Israeli army, press reports disclosed.

AMMAN, (R) — Three Syrian army officers and two civilians arrested here last January said on Jordanian television Wednesday night they plotted to assassinate Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran. The plot was not carried out.

BEIRUT, (AP) — Two persons were killed and eight wounded in night-long mortar and machine gun fire that rocked central Beirut. Six houses were set ablaze by incendiary rockets, police said Thursday.

# Libyans to stay in Chad barracks

NDJAMENA, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Chad's transitional government of national unity has asked Libyan and government troops to remain in barracks at Abeche in the east of the country because of a "tense climate" there, sources here said. The forces have also been forbidden to move about in town bearing arms, according to a government mission which went to the capital of the Ouaddai region.

The government has also acted over prob-

lems arising from the circulation of Libyan currency in the local market at Abeche, banning its use, according to the sources.

Meanwhile, Algerian President Chadli Benjedid was quoted Thursday as saying that he approved Libya's military intervention in Chad but criticized plans for a merger of the two countries. Benjedid, quoted by the Algerian News Agency APS said: "Libyan intervention in Chad was at the request of Chad's legal government."



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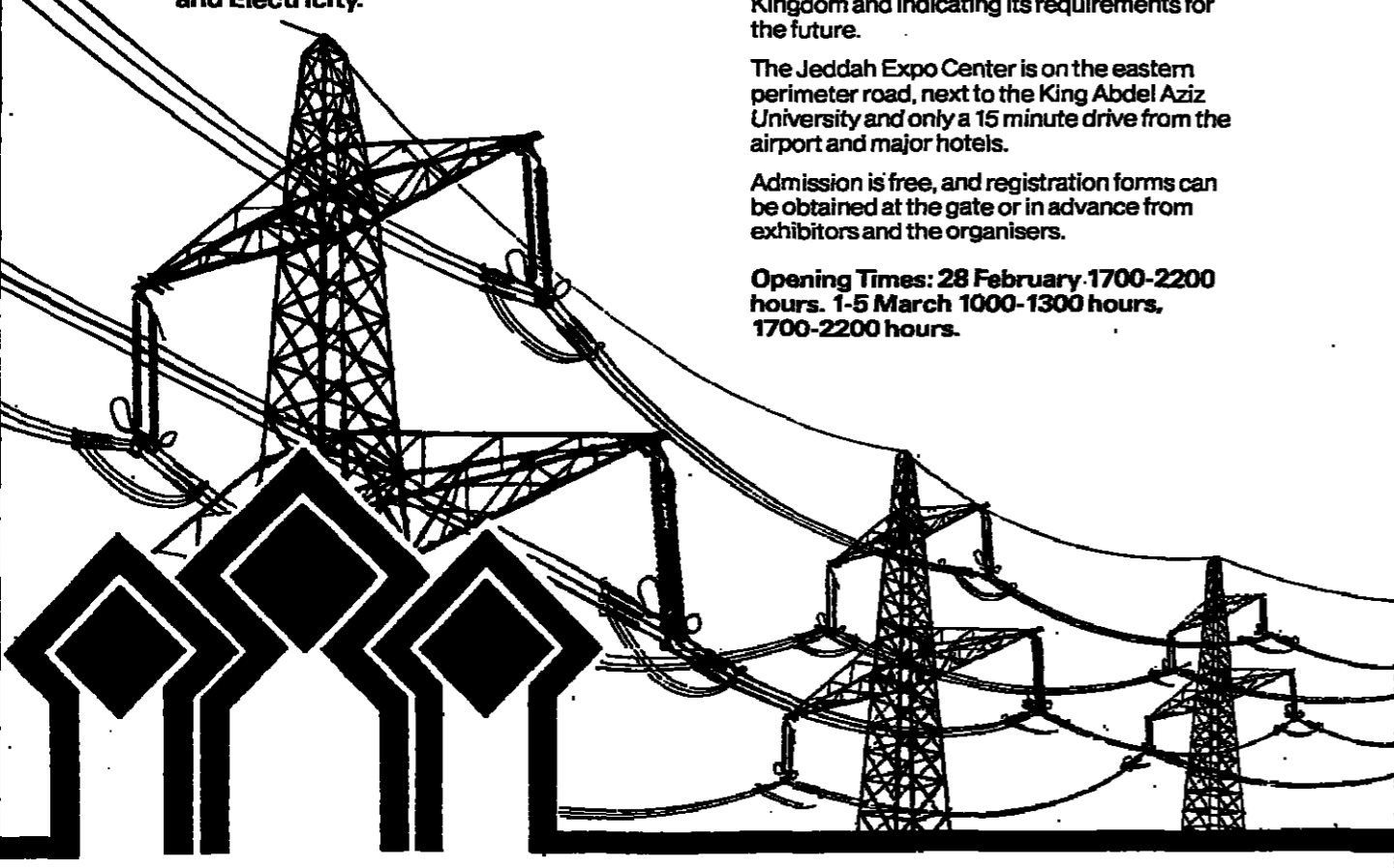
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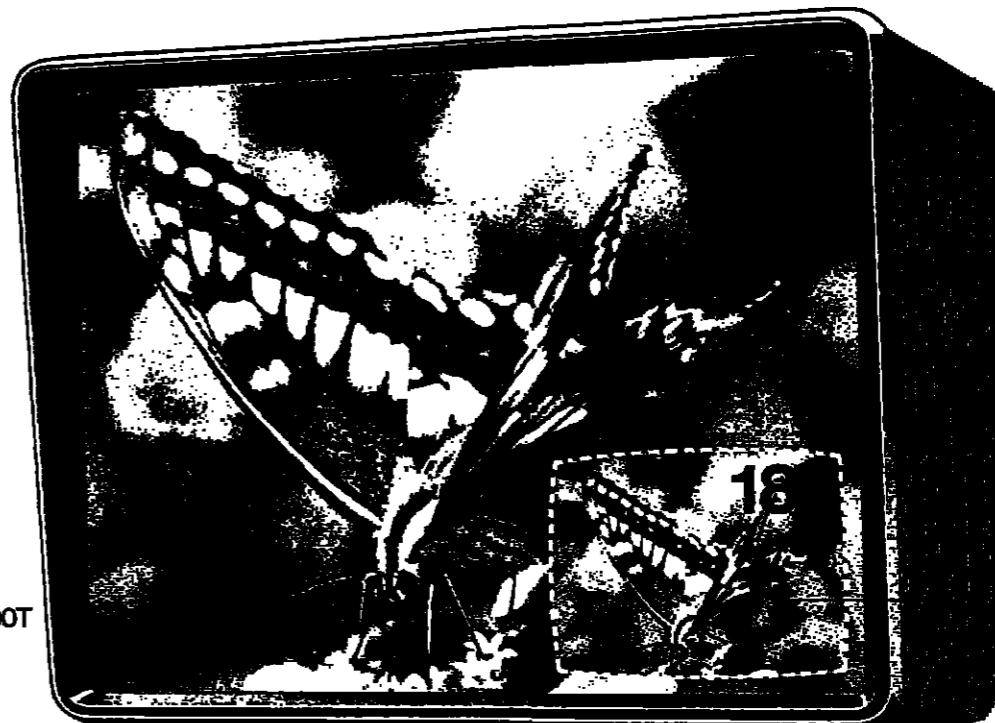
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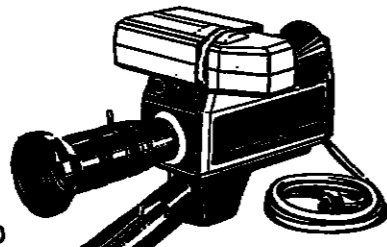
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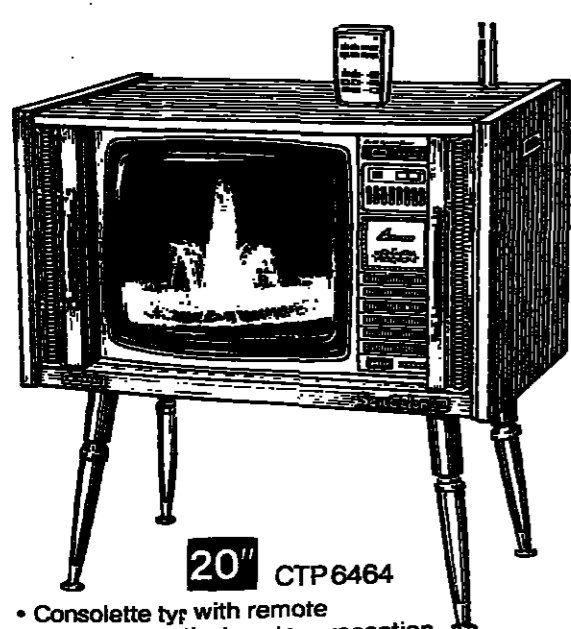
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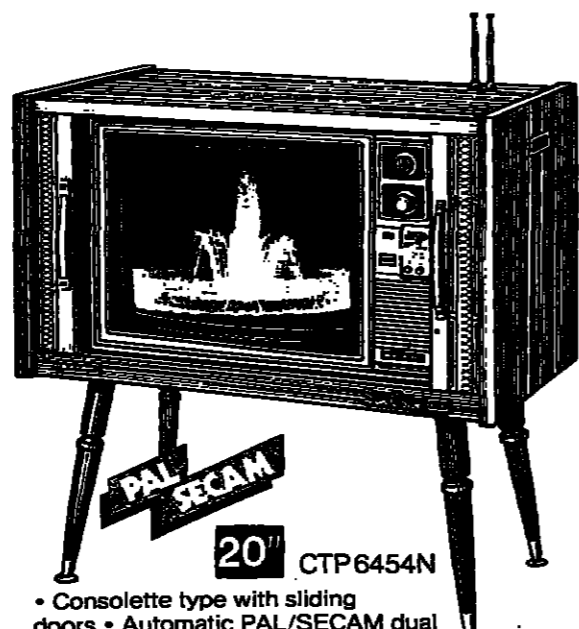


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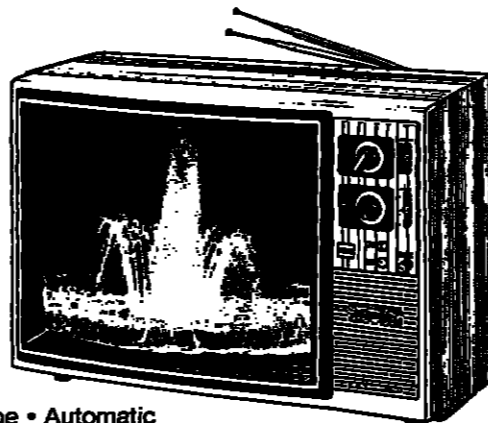
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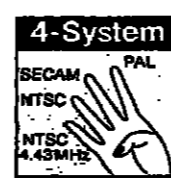
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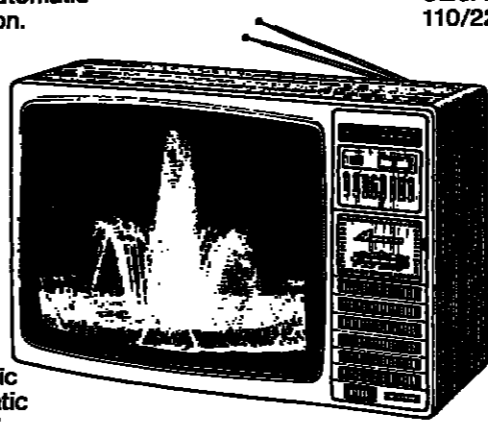
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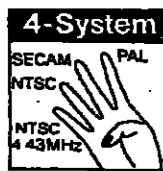
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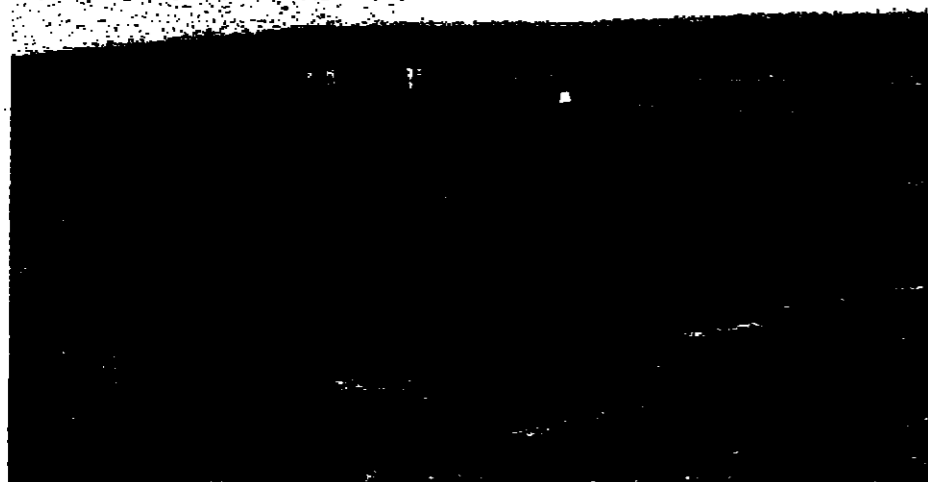
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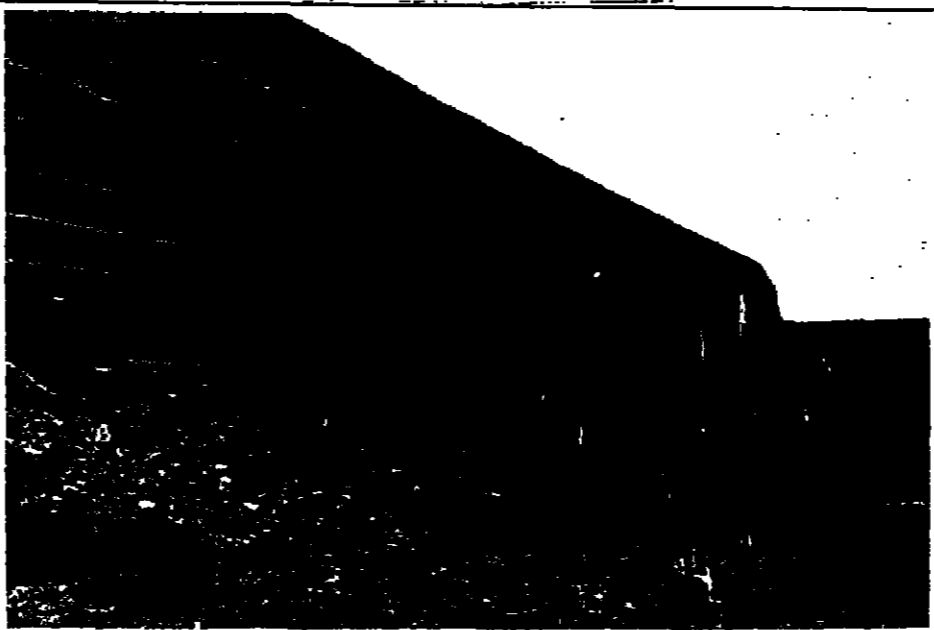


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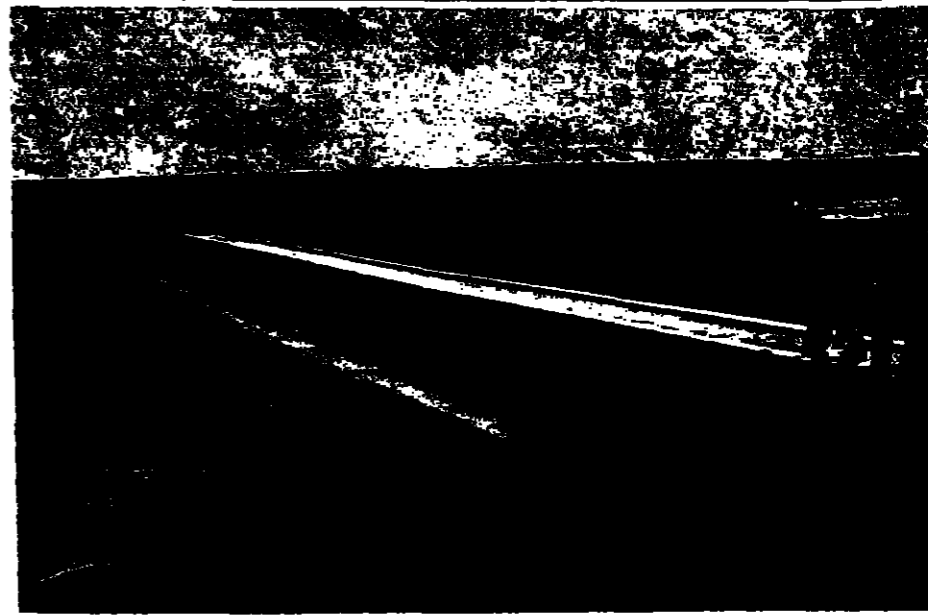




ANCIENT DAMS: Arabia is fortunate to possess a wealth of buried archeological treasure. Archeologists recently unearthed some dams in an area east of Khayber, 150 km. north of Medina. The dams date back to early Islamic era. The dam (above), 200 meters long, was constructed as flood-control device. It is known as Sadd Al-Bent. Dr. Sa'ad Al-Rashid, an archeologist at the University of Riyadh, led a team of students to the area to survey them, recently.



A portion of the Sadd Al-Bent.



Sadd Al-Hasib, another dam which was recently renovated.

# In search of time past

By Gregory Llewellyn

AL-KHOBAR — Arabia is fortunate to possess a wealth of archeological treasure buried away in various parts of the Kingdom.

Archeologists have only now scratched the surface — both figuratively and literally — to uncover artifacts of the past civilizations which flourished here.

One group of researchers actively engaged in such excavations is the staff of the Department of Archeology and Museology at the University of Riyadh. This fledgling department — it broke away from the university's Department of History only three years ago — has been working in two widely dispersed parts of Saudi Arabia where fresh discoveries and re-evaluations of what was previously known contribute to our knowledge of the peninsula's history.

Dr. Sa'ad A-Rashid, an archeologist at the university, has recently returned from a visit to the north of the country where he led a group of students and staff on the first systematic survey of ancient dams east of Khayber, 150 km north of Medina. The dams inspected, some of which date from the early years of the Islamic era, include one which is 200 meters long. The most impressive of the dams, constructed principally as flood-control devices, is called Sadd Al-Bent.

Rising more than 35 meters above the ground, this huge dam is built of massive granite blocks. Its core is filled with stones and gypsum, the chief linking substance employed in its construction. "It's a masterpiece of architecture," Al-Rashid said. "Students couldn't believe it when they saw it."

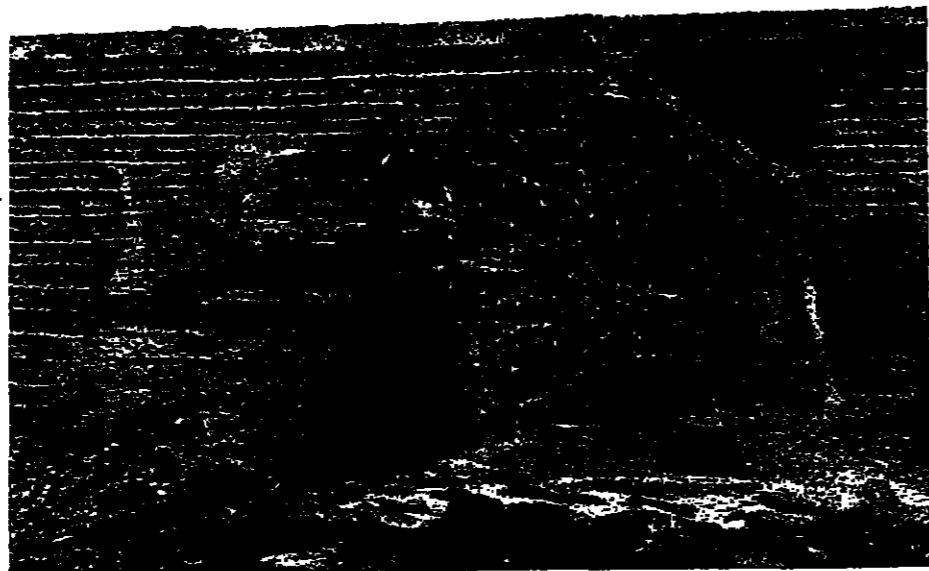
Now, as in ancient times, Khayber was a farming settlement, renowned for the variety of dates grown there as well as for its wheat and barley. People in the area traded with Medina, which was a commercial center both before and after the rise of Islam. As important and awesome as the Khayber dams are, there is still no complete analysis of the distribution of water in the region, nor is anything known about how the dams were maintained. How much was spent on them? What were the legal aspects of water usage? Al-Rashid, who studied at London, Manchester and Leeds, indicates that much remains to be explained about these incredible structures.

Much further to the south, in the northwest corner of the Empty Quarter, a team of 70 specialists from the university has recently completed its tenth season at a location which measures 2 by 1 km. There, under the direction of Dr. Abdul-Rahman Al-Ansary, chairman of the Department of Archeology and Museology, the team is excavating the ruins of fabled Al-Fau. Virtually unheard of outside archeological circles in Saudi Arabia, this pre-Islamic city, which once boasted a population of approximately 15,000, served as the capital of the Kingdom of Kindah.

For six centuries (200 B.C. — 400 A.D.) this state extended over much of what is now Saudi Arabia, from the Roman and Persian Empires in the north, to the Southern Ara-

The photos are supplied by the Department of Archeology, University of Riyadh.

bian Kingdom in the south, and — east to west — from the Gulf to the Hejaz. Much of what is known of this sophisticated and complex civilization comes to us from Persian and



A damaged wall of Sadd Al-Bent.

South Arabian sources. Working in a residential area of Al-Fau in November and December, 1980, Al-Ansary discovered a series of remarkable frescoes lying amidst the rubble of an ancient palace.

He feels that they originally graced the arches which spanned the ceiling of a reception room which measured 12 by 9 meters. In oxide colors astonishingly well preserved, the frescoes depict horses and fish in running water; a man grappling with the reins of a camel; the figure of a reclining man in Hellenistic attire with a woman standing demurely in the distance; and a vase with the figure of a robed man beside it. The rust reds and orangeish yellows which predominate in the frescoes look as if they might have been

applied only one or two years ago. Also discovered this past season was the remains of a temple inside which Al-Ansary's staff uncovered bronze pieces, including masks and representations of angels.

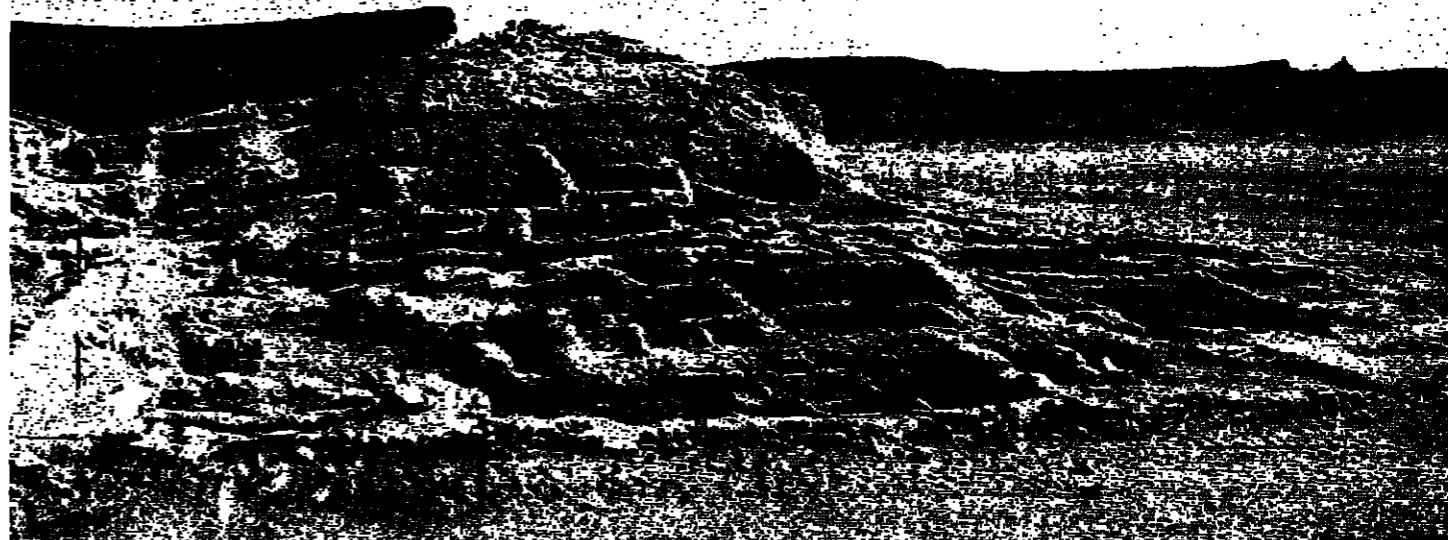
Previous digs at Al-Fau uncovered the tomb of one of Kindah's kings, Mulawiya b. Rabi' Al-Qahtany. Insistent that his tomb not be opened, Mulawiya had inscribed over the tomb's lintel in South Arabian script, "Cursed be he who opens my tomb; may the sky rain blood and the earth turn into hell." The malediction did not deter bedu who robbed the tomb of almost all of its contents.

Al-Ansary found only heaps of sand left and the torso of the king's statue. A trove of artefacts, which ten seasons at Al-Fau have yielded, are on display in the department's museum at the University of Riyadh. Neatly exhibited in glass cases, pottery, rings, and bits of glass testify to the ingenuity of the ancient craftsmen of Al-Fau.

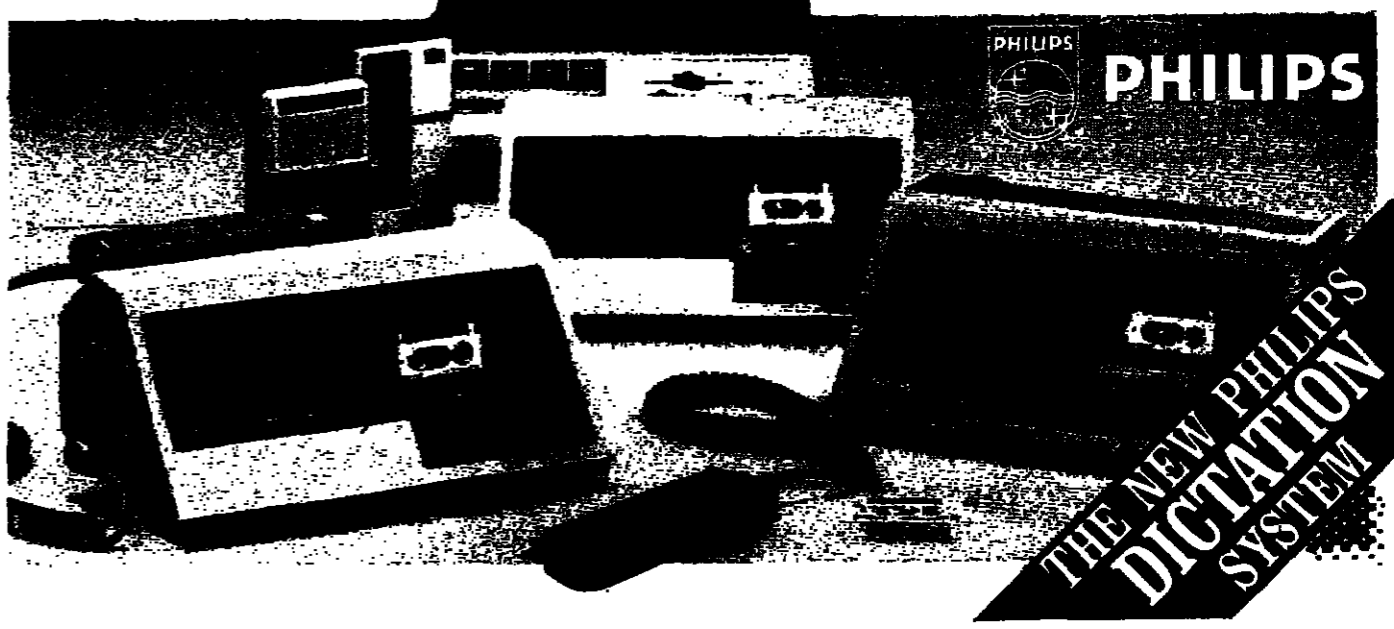
Al-Ansary is particularly pleased to have found recently a bone inscribed with South Arabian letters; most inscriptions then were chiseled in stone. Carved bronze lion heads



THE RUINS: The ruins of fabled Al-Fau, a pre-Islamic city which once served as the capital of the Kingdom of Kindah, lies much further to the south, in the northwest corner of the Empty Quarter. The area was recently excavated by a team led by Dr. Abdul-Rahman Al-Ansary, chairman of the Department of Archeology and Museology, University of Riyadh.



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# Russian calls for early summit

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MOSCOW, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — A leading Soviet specialist on the United States says President Ronald Reagan would be seen "stupid" if he allowed the El Salvador television summit. He also indicated in a television interview that the conference did come "as soon as possible."

Asked how soon the summit should be held, he said "that really depends. I think that what is important is the success of it. It could be a meeting of informal discussions of where we stand."

At the United Nations, a Soviet diplomat said Thursday that if the United States intervened with troops in El Salvador as it did in the Dominican Republic in 1965, "the international consequences would be very serious."

Soviet ambassador Richard S. Ovinnikov, holding a news conference, said a pretext was being built by the United States for such an intervention, judging by things printed in American newspapers.

"They're inflating the question. They publish so-called documents nobody can verify," he said, evidently alluding to a report the U.S. State Department issued this week charging that guerrillas in El Salvador are getting arms from Cuba, the Soviet Union, Vietnam and other Communist countries.

# Sihanouk shelve front plan

BEIJING, Feb. 27 (R) — Former Kampuchean head of state Norodom Sihanouk Friday he had been forced to shelve his plan for the formation of an anti-Vietnamese front in his homeland. The prince said a telegram from exile in North Korea to cancel the plan because of the opposition of many Kampuchean exiles in France to cooperation with pro-China Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

bodian liberation together." Prince Sihanouk said earlier this month he was prepared to lead a united front because of "pressures from friends in Kampuchea, America and Thailand."

But Friday he accused followers of his political rival, former Prime Minister Son Sann, of sabotaging the plan. "In France the followers of Son Sann... are taking intensive action to sabotage Sihanouk's project for a united front with the Khmer Rouge." In view of these acts of sabotage... I am compelled to adjourn sine die the formation of a united front," he said, in his telegram.

# World's tallest man dies in America

LAKE VILLA, Illinois, Feb. 27 (AP) — A. Koehler, who at 8 feet, 2 inches was the world's tallest man, died Wednesday at his home, where he was recuperating from a heart ailment, relatives said. He was 55.

He used ordinary-size furniture except for a special 8-foot bed, explaining that he believed "when in Rome, do as the Romans do." Koehler wore a size 22 shoe. He once said his biggest clothing problem was socks until a Pennsylvania company heard about his problem and made socks to order for him.

der Haig said Thursday night that El Salvador would not become another Vietnam if the United States sent aid to help the government there to resist leftist guerrillas. "You don't have to worry about that," he told reporters at a banquet held by President Reagan for British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at the White House.

Meanwhile, China Friday backed the United States against the Soviet Union over the situation in El Salvador. The Chinese support came in the form of an article published in the Communist Party organ, the *People's Daily*. The newspaper accused the Soviet Union of seeking gradually to intensify its infiltration and expansion in the Caribbean and central America by setting up a "network of satellites" with Cuban assistance.

In El Salvador, bodies of about 60 suspected leftist guerrillas were recovered by government troops Thursday after two days of sporadic fighting in San Lorenzo, 65 kms from San Salvador, military sources said.

# British scientists resist chemical weapons

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP) — A group of British scientists, including four Nobel prize winners, has launched an academic resistance movement against nerve gas and other chemical weapons of war.

They appealed Thursday to the scientific community not to take part in research on such weapons and invited other scientists to donate cash for signed newspaper advertisements publicizing the appeal. "At present, our appeal is confined to Britain but I have no doubt it will spread to other countries," Maurice Wilkins, one of the 19 signatories, told the Associated Press.

Wilkins, 64, a biophysicist, was joint winner of the 1962 Nobel prize for medicine. Other Nobel laureates joining him in the appeal are transplant surgery expert Sir Peter Medawar, biochemist Frederick Sanger and



HELP TO REFUGEES: Relief volunteers attend to refugees who have fled areas where army troops and guerrilla forces are in combat in a camp outside of Suchitoto in San Salvador Wednesday.

Dorothy Hodgkin, an expert on the study of crystals.

Cabinet minister Francis Pym said last December when he was defense secretary that Britain may develop chemical weapons to counter growing Soviet use of them. Recent press reports said Britain is engaged in a joint study with the U.S. Defense Department on the "next generation" of nuclear weapons.

The scientists claimed at a news conference in the House of Lords that the British Defense Ministry is considering stockpiling U.S. chemical weapons in Britain, equipping British forces with nerve gas purchased abroad, and reactivating British manufacture of the weapons.

Asked to comment, a defense ministry

spokesman said: "We have no plan in Britain to acquire an offensive chemical weapon capability. We have not been asked by anyone about the possibility of basing chemical weapons in Britain. Our ministers in the government have constantly made it clear that they prefer to have chemical weapons included in arms control."

Britain officially abandoned its chemical weapons stockpile in 1955-57. The scientists' appeal said that only France, the United States and the Soviet Union "maintain significant supplies at present."

The scientists said a chemical weapons race between the Western NATO alliance and the Communist Warsaw Pact could impose severe constraints on research and development in the life sciences.

# U.S. panel suggests citizenship for aliens

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (R) — A U.S. government committee has recommended increasing immigration quotas and granting citizenship to many illegal aliens in order to reduce the flow of unlawful entrants into the United States.

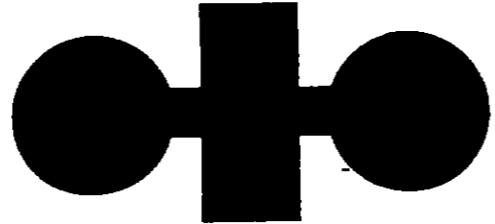
The Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy, in a report delivered to the White House Friday, said total immigration should be raised to about 730,000 people per year compared with an average of 580,000 a year for the five past years. The commission's executive director, Lawrence Fuchs, told a news conference he believed immigration, boosted by illegal entries over the Mexican and Canadian borders and a flood of "boat people" from Cuba and Haiti, was now out of control.

But he added that the number of illegal immigrants in the United States was not high as the 10 to 12 million some people have claimed. He said a scientific survey done for the commission put the number of illegal immigrants in 1978 at between 3.5 million and six million.

The commission was set up under the Carter administration, and Reagan administration officials, often strongly critical of previous immigration policy, appeared to show little enthusiasm for greeting its completed report.

The commission's recommendations included a new law making it illegal for employers to hire workers who did not have proper documents.

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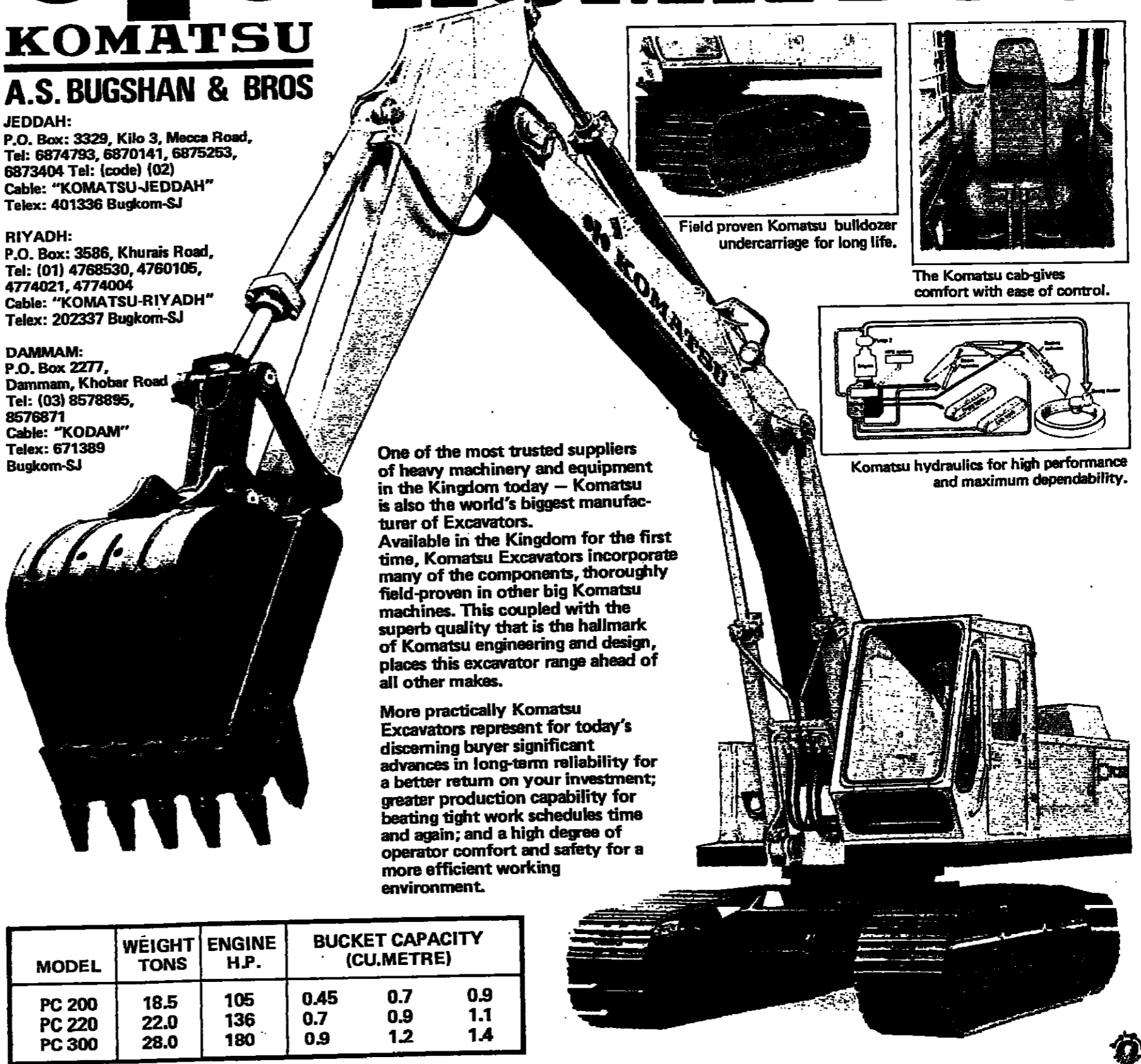


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MDICA wishes it to be known that Mr. Vermeulen has not worked for the company since September 1980 and has no authority to act on behalf of the company, and accepts no responsibility for any actions taken by Mr. Vermeulen, or any agreements entered into by him.

Mr. Vermeulen has been issued with an Exit Only Visa and steps are being taken with the Saudi Arabian authorities to have him deported.

Spending underestimated

U.S. seeks more budget cuts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan has ordered his economic aides to find "several billion dollars" in additional U.S. government budget cuts after he learned that projected spending for next year had been underestimated, senior White House officials disclosed.

The additional cuts would come on top of \$41.4 billion that Reagan proposed last week be trimmed from the government's budget for fiscal 1982, which begins Oct. 1.

Reagan conferred at a hastily called meeting with his economic advisers Wednesday and was told that "the outlay figures were underestimated," said Martin Anderson, Reagan's assistant for policy development.

Anderson said the mistake meant that "several billion dollars" in additional cuts would have to be found to enable Reagan to submit the \$695 billion budget, with a \$45 billion deficit, that he announced last week. The adviser refused to give a specific figure.

He said Reagan remained committed to not touching the seven major "social safety" programs, including the basic social security program.

The errors, according to Anderson, were in material presented by David A. Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, using figures assembled nearly three months ago by the Carter administration.

Meanwhile, Democrats in Congress called Thursday for a more moderate program of tax and spending cuts than the sweeping plan proposed by President Reagan.

The 10 Democrats on the congressional joint economic committee accepted the Republican president's challenge to come up with another solution to aid the economy if they did not like his.

In their annual report for 1981, the Democrats from the Senate and House of Representatives also said the burden of the proposed spending cuts fell too heavily on the poor.

Iraq resumes oil pumping via Syria

DAMASCUS Feb. 27 (AP) — Iraq has resumed pumping crude oil at the rate of 50,000 barrels per day through the trans-Mediterranean pipeline to Syria, sources said Thursday. Oil flow to the Syrian terminal at Baniyas has been interrupted twice since the Iran-Iraq war broke out.

The sources said Iraq began pumping oil from its oilfields in Kirkuk through the 885-km pipeline Wednesday after an agree-

ment was reached with Syria.

Iraq had resumed pumping crude to the Mediterranean port city of Baniyas in northern Syria on Dec. 1 after the pipeline had been out of operation since the start of the Gulf war Sept. 22.

But pumping was interrupted on Dec. 19 after a series of explosions in the generating stations in the Iraqi oil center of Kirkuk, believed to have been the work of saboteurs.

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Turkey asks for \$1.5b from OECD

PARIS, Feb. 27 (R) — Turkey is seeking loans totaling about \$1.5 billion this year from member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Turgut Ozal has said.

Last year, these countries gave Turkey aid of \$1.16 billion and also agreed to delay repayments on more than \$2.5 billion of outstanding debts.

Ozal told reporters here Wednesday, after a meeting at OECD headquarters, that his country was hoping for slightly more in new aid this year, but would be asking for further delays on repayments of the relatively small sum of \$300 million.

He said he hoped the United States and West Germany would pick up about half of this year's Western aid to Turkey, which should be agreed on in April.

His recent talks with Turkey's leading creditor countries left him in good spirits and the new U.S. government's attitude to Turkey was very positive, he added.

The Democrats rejected Reagan's plan for a 10 per cent cut in income taxes across the board in the next three years. They said taxes should be reduced only enough to offset recent social security (pension) tax increases of \$16.3 billion.

Reagan's across-the-board reduction over three years would total \$250 billion.

The Democrats did endorse the concept of tax relief for business investment, another of the president's proposals, but said Congress should not pass more than limited tax cuts for fear of making inflation worse.

The committee chairman, Democratic representative Henry Reuss of Wisconsin, said: "The administration wants a vast personal income tax cut, mostly effective in the future. We favor more modest tax cuts, less oriented toward the wealthy right now, and for the future we favor a long hard look before we leap."

Earlier Wednesday the U.S. Federal Reserve Board announced it was tightening and money and credit growth targets in 1981 and warned that if inflation did not abate, the United States' economy would be further squeezed.

Russia claims economic gains

MOSCOW, Feb. 27 (AFP) — Prime Minister Nicolai Tikhonov Friday reported big improvements in the Soviet economy over the past five years and said national revenue had soared by \$600 billion.

Presenting his economic report to the 26th Communist Party Congress underway here, he said annual average of cereal harvests reached a record 205 million tons despite bad weather in three of the five years.

The party has begun a policy aimed at raising the people's standard of material and cultural living," the prime minister said, adding that 2,200 big industrial firms had been created during the five-year period.

His speech stressed that Soviet leaders wanted to give priority to improving living standards in the coming five-year plan.

This could be achieved through speeding up technical and scientific progress, "intensifying" the economy and using the country's production potential more carefully, Tikhonov said.

He recalled new clauses in the 1981-85 plan, which for the first time gives consumer

goods greater emphasis than basic industry.

The premier said this 11th plan would be the first step toward setting up an "energetic program" proposed by chief of state Leonid Brezhnev, which laid stress on accelerating gas industry development, particularly in Siberia.

**Japan's car exports set all-time record**

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (R) — Japanese vehicle exports rose to an all-time record in January despite increased calls in the United States and the European Common Market (EEC) for controls on shipments.

The Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association said 531,539 cars, trucks and buses were exported last month, a 33.2 per cent increase over January last year.

Exports to the United States, where Congress is considering bills to limit Japanese car imports, rose 16.4 per cent over January last year to 209,205, while shipments to the EEC jumped 33.2 per cent to 72,481.

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Tenders invited Iraq to set up new car plant

BAGHDAD, Feb. 27 (R) — Iraq plans to set up a multi-billion dollar car industry near Baghdad, a senior Iraqi official has said.

Barak Yehya, head of a government commission on the project, said Wednesday tenders would be invited from car manufacturers and talks had already started with several companies, including Mercedes, Fiat, Volvo, Scania, Mitsubishi, Toyota and Renault.

"This new project, which is one of the most ambitious ever undertaken by a developing country, is designed to take Iraq into the advanced technology field. We are trying to use our oil wealth to create a home-based technology," he told Reuters in an interview.

Initial costs are estimated at about one billion Iraqi dinars (\$3.4 billion), he said.

Production of trucks is to begin in 1984, and the manufacture of a fuller range the following year. The initial annual production target is 150,000 saloon cars, 25,000 trucks

and 15,000 tractors.

"We hope to have selected the main companies involved by the end of the year and construction will begin by the middle of 1982," Yehya said. An international consultancy firm is to be appointed within a few weeks to help with the scheme.

Yehya said manufacture would be based at Swayra, 80 km south of Baghdad and would employ between 15,000 and 20,000 people.

The project is part of a huge development program included in Iraq's latest five-year plan.

Yehya said universities and colleges had been asked to help train graduates to work in the industry, but admitted training was one of the main problems of the scheme.

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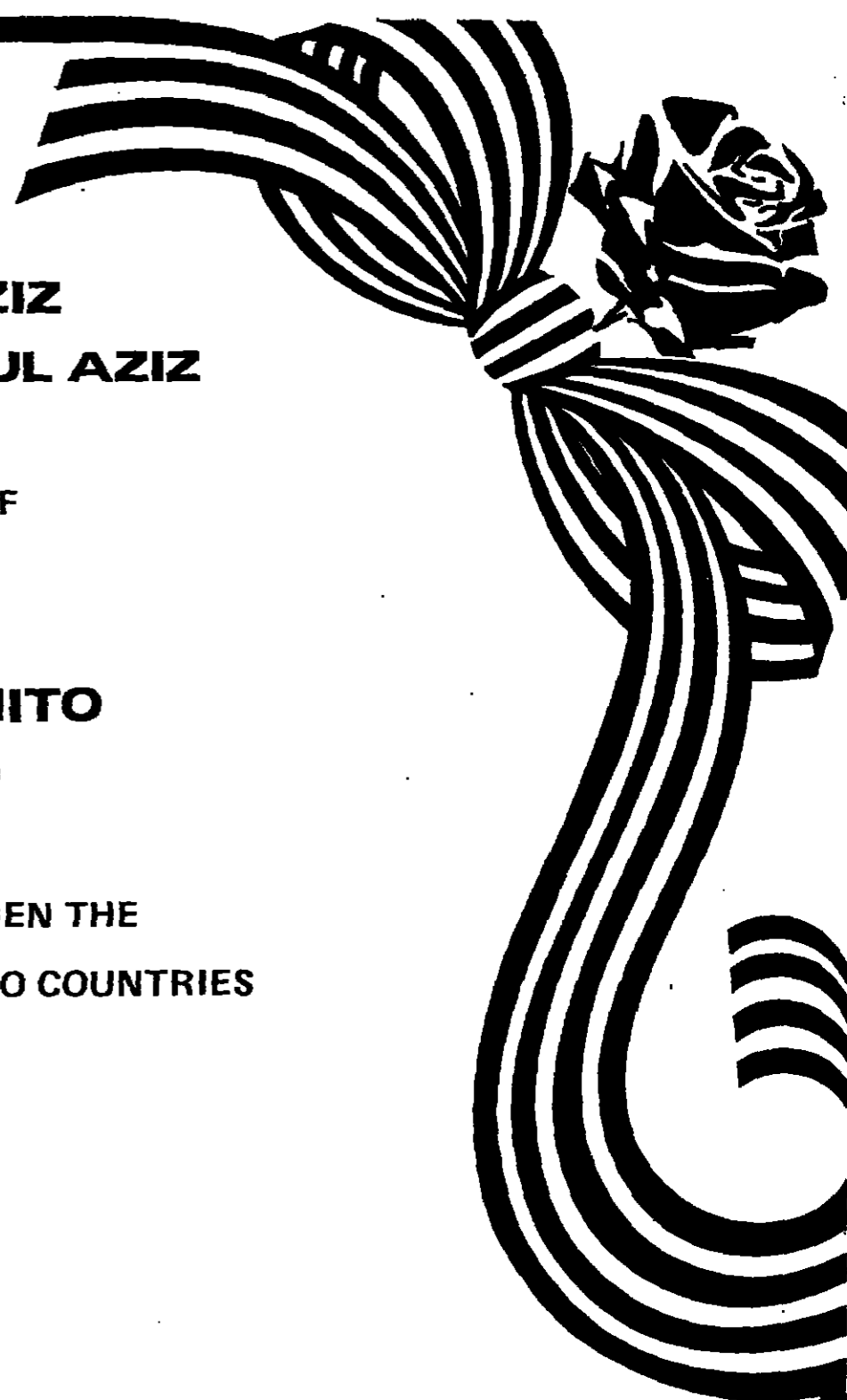
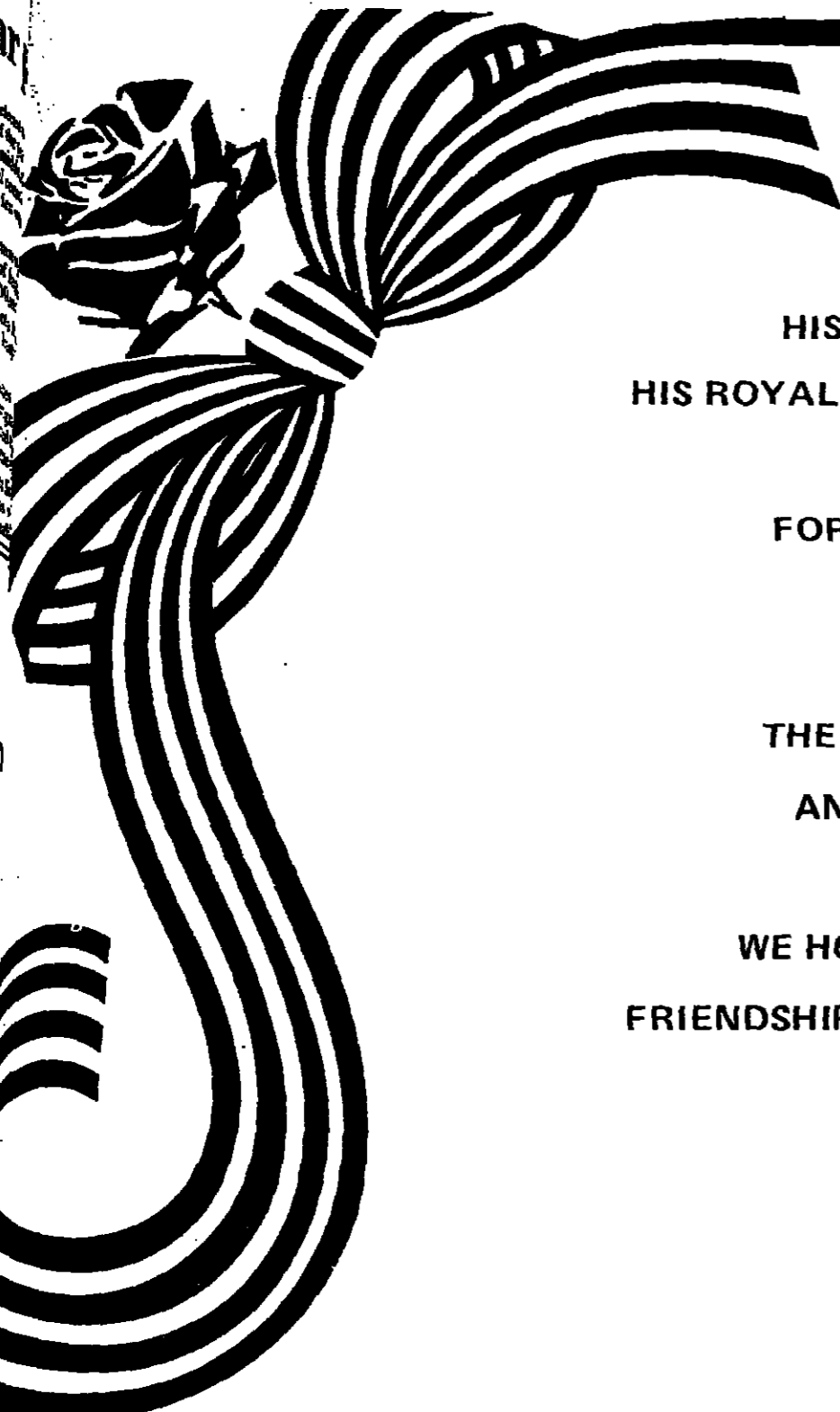
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




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## For home-court advantage Spurs going all out to catch Lakers

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Feb. 27 (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs, edging closer to the Midwest Division title, have another goal as the National Basketball Association play-offs approach: passing the Los Angeles Lakers.

"We're trying now to catch Los Angeles and get the home-court advantage," Spurs coach Stan Albeck said Thursday night after his team ran its record to 44-24 with a 123-113 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics.

That put the Spurs just one-half game behind the Lakers in the race for the best record in the western conference. In each playoff matchup, the team with the better record gets the home-court advantage.

The win also reduced San Antonio's magic number to six. Any combination of six San Antonio victories or Houston losses would clinch the Midwest Division title for the Spurs, whose record is their best ever after 68 games.

In the only other NBA game of the night, the Kansas City Kings edged the Dallas Mavericks 105-102.

San Antonio beat Seattle from the free-throw line. Seattle hit 43 field goals to 39 for the Spurs, but San Antonio sank 45 of 48 free

throws while the Sonics hit 26 of 31.

George Gervin of San Antonio was the game's high scorer with 35 points, while Mark Olberding had 20 and James Silas 16. Gervin was 9 of 10 at the free throw line. Gervin hit 10 of 12.

Gervin hit an 18-foot jumper with 3:20 left in the first period to put the Spurs ahead to stay. San Antonio led 34-30 after one quarter, 61-57 at halftime and 91-83 after three quarters, but did not put the Sonics away until the final period. The Spur's biggest lead was 16 points with 2:10 left.

Seattle, in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in three seasons, dropped to a 29-37 record in the Pacific Division. Sikma led six Sonics in double figures with 23 points and Vinnie Johnson added 18.

Kings 105, Mavericks 102: Scott Wedman scored 30 points and Otis Birdsong 26 as Kansas City posted its ninth straight home-court victory.

Dallas, which has lost 17 of its last 18 starts, rallied from a 15-point deficit early in the fourth quarter but could come no closer than the final three-point margin. Newly acquired forward Clearance Kea led the Mavericks with 19 points.

## Koopmans stops Tafer again

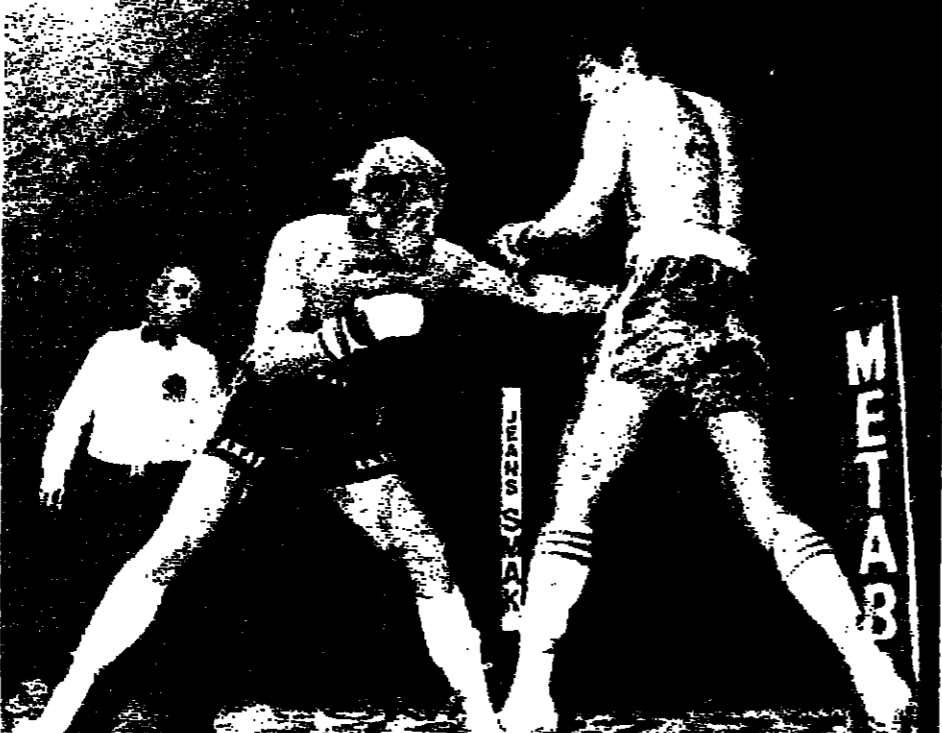
PARIS, Feb. 27 (AP) — Holland's Rudy Koopmans retained the European light heavyweight boxing title he has held for two years Thursday night by defeating French champion Hocine Tafer, who threw in the towel during the ninth round and announced his retirement from boxing.

Koopmans' victory paved the way for a possible chance at the WBA title held by Eddy Mustafa Muhammad of New York. The European champion was defeated by Muhammad last year in a WBA match.

The match marked the second time 25-year-old Tafer has attempted to take the title away from the blond, 33-year champion from Holland. In their first match 16 months ago in Rotterdam, the boxers had a draw.

Meanwhile, Saul Mambly will defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) light-welterweight championship against number one contender Joe Kimpuni of Zaire in Las Vegas on March 22, promoter Don King said.

The program also features a previously-announced WBC featherweight title bout between champion Salvador Sanchez of Mexico and Challenger Roberto Castanon of Spain.



CONNECTS: European light heavyweight champion Rudy Koopmans (left) connects with challenger Rocime Tafer (France) Thursday night.

## Scotland strengthens qualifying chances

RAMAT GAN, Israel, Feb. 27 (R) — Scotland stepped up their bid to qualify for the World Cup Soccer finals in Spain next year when they beat Israel 1-0 here Wednesday.

A second half goal by Kenny Dalglish clinched victory in this European Group six clash and lifted the Scots into second place in the five-team section.

Leaders Portugal have five points from three games and although Scotland have a similar record they are second because of an inferior goal difference.

Israel, with three points from five games, no longer have a realistic chance of being one of the two teams to qualify. Scotland

## In World Cup Soccer

struck the crucial blow here in the 54th minute when Alex McLeish headed a corner on for Dalglish to crash the ball home from close range.

The Scots' disciplined performance in the second half won the match after an opening 45 minutes in which a lively Israeli forward line caused the Scottish defense problems. Goalkeeper Alan Rough twice made saves to foil Israeli striker Benny Tabak.

Tabak's speed created several chances but his woeful finishing let him down. In five qualifying matches, Israel have managed only a single goal — against Sweden.

At the start of the second half, Scottish manager Jock Stein brought on Willie Mil-

ler for John Wark, who had been ineffective in the first half. Defender Kenny Burns switched to midfield and the Scots took a grip on the game.

After Dalglish's decisive goal, Stein took him off in the 71st minute and substitute Andy Gray almost scored with his first kick. Goalkeeper Yossi Mizrahin was fortunate to save his volley from a corner.

Standings:

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Scotland	3	2	1	0	2	0	5
N. Ireland	3	1	1	1	3	1	3
Israel	5	0	3	2	1	5	3
Sweden	4	0	2	2	1	5	2

## It's 'crisis' in the Liverpool camp

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP) — Third place in the standings, an upcoming League Cup final appearance at Wembley and a quarter-final place in the prestigious European Champions Cup would be enough to satisfy 21 of England's 22 First Division clubs.

And yet, because the side with that seemingly impressive record is Liverpool, sports writers are calling it the end of an era for the country's consistently most successful soccer club over the last decade.

The reason is simple: Liverpool has won the league title five times in the past eight

seasons. On the occasions it has missed out, second place has always been a rewarding consolation.

Yet suddenly, Bob Paisley's men find themselves six points behind second-placed Aston Villa. With almost one third of the domestic season still to play, Paisley freely admits his team is out of the championship race.

It is because England's premier soccer club is so seldom out of the top two that it's now considered by many soccer experts as being well past its best and badly in need of new faces.

But new faces do not appear overnight as Liverpool's recent plight can testify. A plague of injuries has enforced the introduction of some of the club's carefully-groomed reserves, many of whom would have been first-team players long ago with any other club but Liverpool.

But the side has not won for six matches. Suddenly the word "crisis", usually cast at relegation-threatened teams, is being whispered in the Liverpool camp.

This Saturday, Liverpool takes on Southampton in an important match for both sides. Liverpool will play in Europe against next season if it wins the League Cup against West Ham on March 14, or if it can carry off the Champions Cup, that is if it fails to win the league.

But should it slip up — as recent form suggests it might — a UEFA Cup place based on league performance will be its only chance of European football.

For Southampton, the position is much clearer, its English F.A. Cup defeat at Everton last week means a battle right to the end of the season for one of the UEFA Cup spots: Southampton is in fifth place in the standings and like Liverpool is well in the running. Liverpool will be going for a win for prestige as well as both points, while Southampton beaten at lowly Brighton on Tuesday will be happy with a draw.

Meanwhile, the League's two front-runners will be looking for away wins to keep Liverpool at bay and maintain the two-

pronged race for the title.

Ipswich plays at Coventry, while Aston Villa goes to neighboring rivals Wolverhampton in two attacking-looking Midlands encounters. Both matches point to away wins on paper, but the two home sides are highly unpredictable.

Ipswich leads the championship with 46 points and Villa has two points less. Both have played 30 games.

There is a real relegation battle at Carrow Road where Norwich, one place off the bottom of the table, clashes with Brighton, two places higher. Norwich manager Ken Brown has stated his team must win to have a realistic chance of staying up.

## Lendl whips Kriek for singles title

GEGOA, Italy, Feb. 27 (AFP) — Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia won the international Bitri Bergamo Memorial Tennis Tournament here Thursday night defeating Johan Kriek of South Africa 6-2, 6-2.

Lendl easily overcame his opponent with powerful base-line strokes. Adrian Panatta of Italy took third place defeating Wojtek Fibak of Poland 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Meanwhile, second-seeded Gene Mayer defeated 14th seeded Mel Purcell 6-4, 6-2 to advance to the quarter finals of the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships Thursday at the Racquet Club of Memphis.

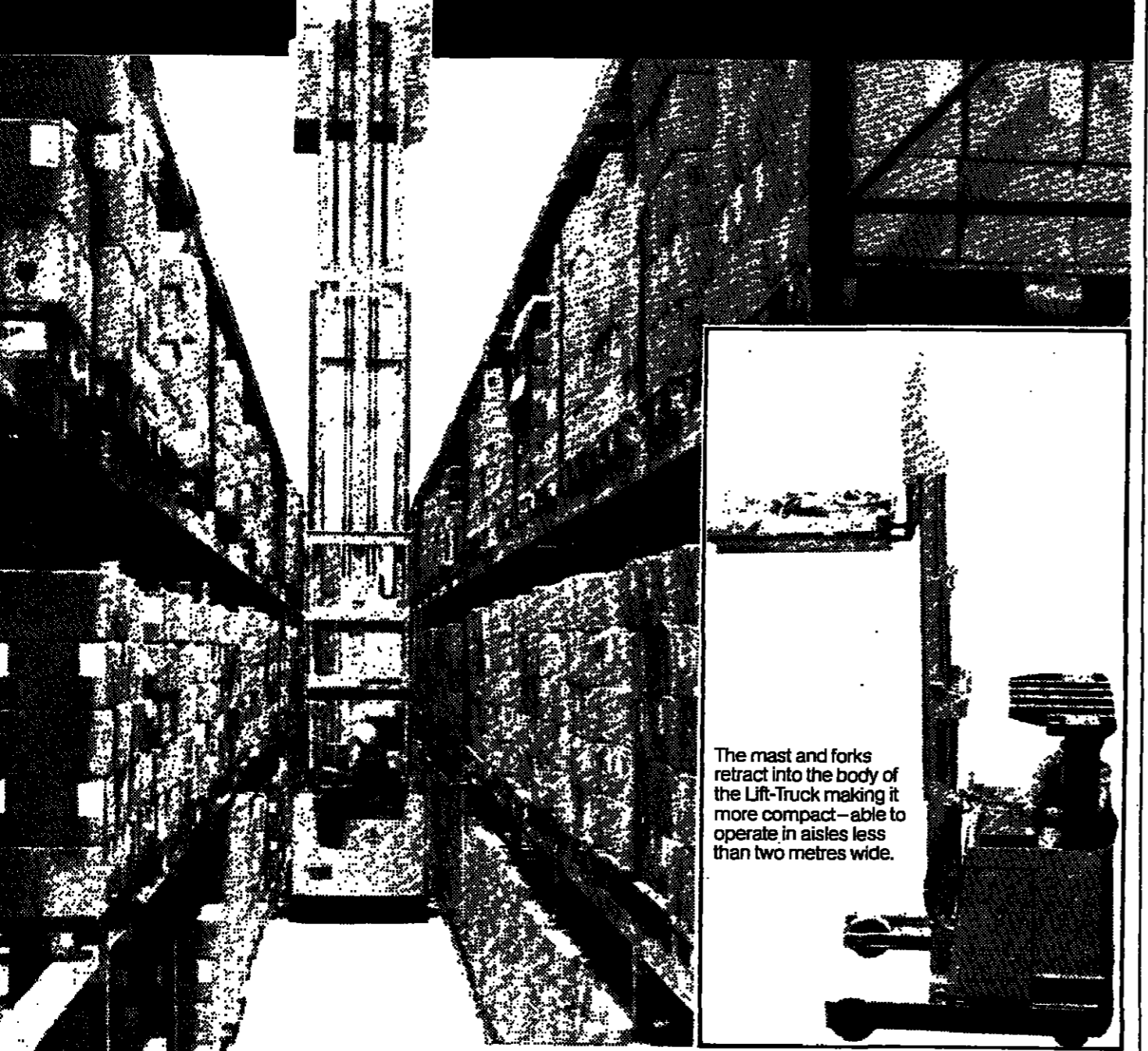
Mayer's next opponent will be 15th-seeded Peter Fleming. Mayer broke open a close first set by breaking service in the 10th game. The loss of the set appeared to demoralize Purcell, who was broken twice in the second set.

Unseeded Fritz Buehning pulled off the second upset of the tournament Thursday, defeating No. 4 seed Brian Teacher 7-5, 6-3. He will meet french star Yannick Noak in the quarter-finals.

In Jakarta, world tennis star Bjorn Borg of Sweden beat Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 in a hard fought match here Thursday night.

Watched by some 10,000 people the five-times Wimbledon champion took nearly three hours to down Gerulaitis who he also defeated in Melbourne a few days ago.

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# England's tour in jeopardy

**Second Test called off**  
LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP) — The British Cricket Council Thursday night cancelled the second Test match between England and the West Indies due to begin at Georgetown, Guyana, Saturday, because of a row over apartheid with the Guyana government.

The Council said that the touring British side would move on to Barbados to continue the tour of the West Indies as soon as possible.

The row is over the South African sporting links of pace bowler Robin Jackman, who is to play for Guyana Monday as a replacement for England vice-captain Bob Willis. Willis had to pull out of the tour, currently in its sixth week, because of injury.

The Guyana government objected that the 35-year-old Jackman plays and coaches cricket in South Africa between cricket seasons in Britain.

Guyana, like many other black countries, is opposed to South Africa's apartheid policy of separate racial development for blacks and whites. As part of its opposition, it demands a total ban by all countries on sporting links with the white-ruled country.

The Guyana government said earlier Thursday that Jackman would not be allowed to play in Guyana during the tour.

The British Cricket Council, the ruling body of the sport in this country, retaliated for what officials here said amounted to "a deportation order on Jackman" by ordering the English side not to take part in the second Test match of the tour.

It ordered the side to move on to Barbados on the next leg of the tour and said it will seek assurances from the West Indies Cricket Board that there will be no further interference with the composition of the English side.

Otherwise, it said, the whole tour will be in jeopardy.

But council spokesman Peter Lush said there was no question at present of abandoning the whole tour.

Hector Munro, British minister for sport, called Thursday for "good sense and diplomacy to prevail." But he added: "we support most strongly the absolute right of the England selectors — to select their teams without

interference."

The foreign office added diplomatically in a statement: "We hope there will be no feud about who should choose the England team."

Guyana authorities have based their opposition to Jackman's presence on the 1977 Gleneagles agreement.

The agreement followed a conference of Commonwealth leaders in Scotland, sparked off when 28 African nations boycotted the 1976 Montreal Olympics because New Zealand, which had previously sent a rugby team to South Africa, was taking part.

The Gleneagles agreement pledged member governments to sever sporting links with South Africa or any other country "where sports are organized on the basis of race, color or ethnic origin."

But Mallet said Thursday that in Jackman's case, the agreement did not apply. It made no mention, he said, of permitting any action by one Commonwealth country against the players of another.

If the Guyana government does ban Jackman, the England team could be told by the Test and County Cricket Board to end the tour and return home.

A precedent occurred in 1968 when Basil D'Oliveira, a colored South African-born naturalized Briton, was chosen for the England team for a tour of South Africa. When it was learned he would not be welcomed by South African authorities, the tour was called off and England has not sent a cricket team there since.

**West Indies score 6-wicket victory**

ALBION, Guyana, Feb. 27 (AP) — The England cricket team, its players short of match practice and its current West Indian tour clouded by a political problem, lost the Second One-Day International against the West Indies by six wickets Thursday.

Sent into bat after West Indies captain Clive Lloyd won the toss, England lost wickets at regular intervals, went to lunch at 108 for six and were all out 40 minutes afterwards for 137.

Only three batsmen passed 22-20. Mike Gatting, put into the important number three position, top-scored with 29 in his first innings since Feb. 4.

The West Indies started badly in reply opener, Gordon Greenidge was run out for 2 and star batsman Richards was caught off a hook off Graham Dilley for 3. However, from 11 for two Desmond Haynes with 48 and Everton Mattis 24 added 71 for the third wicket.

Brief scores: England 137 (G. Boycott 29, I. Botham 27, C. Croft 3 for 9, Gomes 3 for 30) lost to West Indies 138 for 4 (D. Haynes 48, E. Mattis 24, C. Lloyd not out 25, L. Gomes not out 22; Emburey 2 for 22).



THE BIG TWO: The President of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch of Spain (left) and Peter Ueberroth, President of the Los Angeles Olympic organizing committee at a news conference in Los Angeles Wednesday.

# Manila flays IOC move to debar five nations

MANILA, Feb. 27 (AP) — A top Filipino sports official accused the International Olympic Committee Thursday of unfairness and hypocrisy in threatening to bar the Philippines and four other countries from the 1984 summer Olympics for alleged government intervention in sports.

"This is pure and simple Western hypocrisy," Michael M. Keon, president of the Philippine Olympic Committee and a nephew of President Ferdinand E. Marcos, said in a statement.

He was reacting to a statement made Wednesday in Los Angeles, California, by IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch of Spain that the Philippines faces disqualification from the Los Angeles Games because its government was trying to control the Olympic movement by putting government officials on the local Olympic committee.

The other countries facing similar sanction were Costa Rica, El Salvador, Madagascar and Panama, Samaranch said.

"Samaranch has better things to do than pick on third world countries like the Philippines," Keon said. "Most of the athletes from European countries, including his own, and almost all east European bloc nations like Russia, Czechoslovakia and Poland are brazenly supported by their governments and yet the IOC couldn't say a word."

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, Samaranch said Wednesday that IOC was closely watching Los Angeles because of debts Lake Placid ran up at the winter Olympics.

The winter Games left the New York community \$8 million in debt. The 1984 summer Olympics scheduled for Los Angeles are to be financed privately.

Samaranch held a news conference at the conclusion of his executive committee's meeting here. He said the relations between the IOC and the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee for 1984 "are excellent."

On a different note, he said that five nations could be barred from the 1984 Games because their governments are attempting to control the Olympic movement by putting government officials on their Olympic committees. "A government cannot dictate Olympic policy," the head of the IOC said. "In no case can a government dictate."

In Australia, Melbourne's bid to stage the 1988 Olympic Games has become entangled with Australian federal-state politics, jealousy between the state capitals of Melbourne and Sydney, international politics, and the fact that 1988 is the bi-centennial of European settlement here.

The sports minister in the Victorian state Liberal government, Brian Dixon, told AFP Thursday he was deeply disappointed, but had to come round to the general view that 1992 was the earliest Melbourne could hope to stage the games.

# England are champions

PRESTON, England, Feb. 27 (AFP) — England retained the title in the Triangular, International Badminton challenge here Thursday night totaling 34 points, against Sweden's 27 and India's 17.

In a shock final Steve Baddeley, 19, ranked three in England easily beat Syed Modi, the Indian champion in straight games to take the three nations challenge trophy for England and the individual title.

The doubles title went to Sweden's Thomas Kohlstrom and Stefan Karlsson who crushed England's Kevin Jolly and Mike Tredgett in the final.

Results: singles semi-finals: Steve Baddeley (Eng.) beat Andy Goode (Eng) 15-6, 15-4; Syed Modi (Ind) beat Kevin Jolly (Eng) 12-15, 15-1, 15-9 (final) Baddeley beat Modi 15-9, 15-2. Doubles final: Thomas Kohlstrom and Stefan Karlsson (Swe) beat Kevin Jolly and Mike Tredgett (Eng) 15-9, 15-0.

# Saudia to co-sponsor Frank Williams' team

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Meanwhile, formula one driver Clay Regazzoni has been allowed to get out of bed for the first time since his spinal operation at Georgetown hospital.

A hospital spokesman said that Regazzoni, who was paralysed in the legs by an accident in the Long Beach Grand Prix in March last year, was recovering.

He was getting about in a wheel chair and would soon be able to receive visitors but it was too early to tell whether the operation had been a total success.

# BRIEFS

SARAJEVO, Yugoslavia, — Sinudyne Bologna of Italy scored a 105-101 extra time win over Yugoslav club Bosna Sarajevo in a men's European Champions' Cup semifinal pool basketball match here Thursday night.

PARIS, (AP) — Poland and Czechoslovakia were virtually assured of playing off for the final of the Group 'B' World Handball Championships in Paris Sunday following the fourth night of competition Wednesday. They beat Sweden and Switzerland, respectively.

AMSTERDAM, (AFP) — Dutch World Cup hero Johan Cruyff has turned down an offer to play for English First Division side Leicester City and has decided to join Spanish Second Division side Levante instead.

# Watson jumps into lead

ORLANDO, Florida, Feb. 27 (AP) — Tom Watson, golf's player of the year for the last four seasons, fired a 7-under-par 64 and assumed two-stroke command Thursday in the first round of the \$300,000 Bay Hill Classic.

"That's the best round I've played this year," said Watson, who was denied a victory in his first four starts of the season. "I hit some good long irons, some good short irons. I didn't drive particularly well, but I putted very well. I didn't make any mistakes with the green," said the man who won the British Open and six American tournaments last season.

Watson, regarded by his peers as the game's premier putter, one-putted 11 times, scored eight birdies and made his only bogey of the day on his second hole, where he missed the green.

Rod Nuckolls, a rookie playing in only his fifth PGA tour event and the first man off the hole in the warm, bazy day, was second alone after a 66 that was two shots back to Watson's course record-matching effort.

Hubert Green, a former B.C. Open titlist, was third, 10 shots behind Watson.

**Kogler sets world mark**  
ROBERSTADT, West Germany, Feb. 27 (AP) — Armin Kogler of Austria set a new 60-year-old world record in the qualifying rounds for the World Championships here Wednesday when he soared to a distance of 80 meters. The previous record of 176 meters was held jointly by Kogler and another Austrian Toni Innauer and East German Klaus Oswald.

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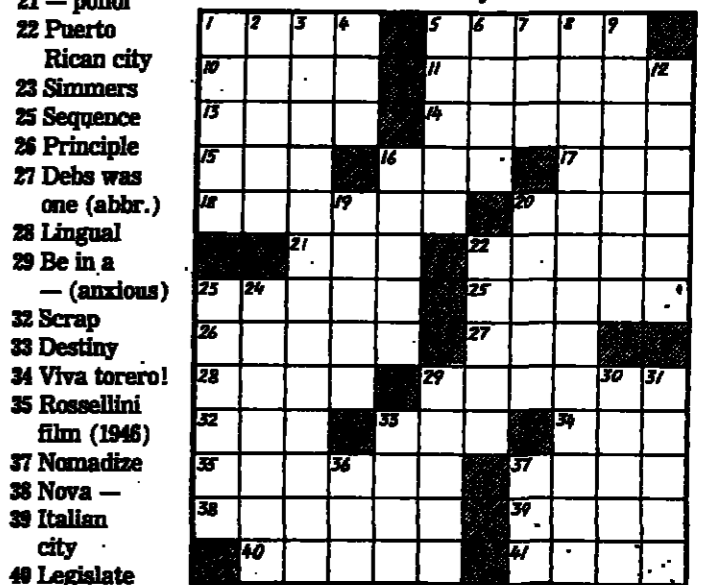
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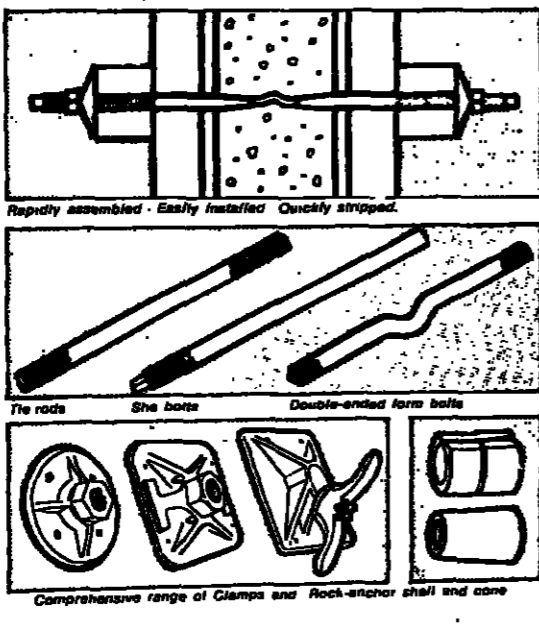
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**Upsurge in fighting**  
**Iraq drops napalm on town, Iran says**

TEHRAN, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Iran said an Iraqi plane had dropped U.S.-made napalm bombs on residential areas of an Iranian town. An Iranian military spokesman quoted by the official Pars news agency said an Iraqi MiG fighter last Monday dropped five Napalm canisters on the town of Marivan in the western Kurdistan province.

The spokesman gave no details of the damage or casualties caused by the attack, nor evidence for his claim that the napalm was made in the United States. In other reports from the battlefield, Iranian forces claimed Thursday, to have killed or wounded 48 Iraqi troops in 48 hours.

In a series of engagements at points ranging from Abadan in the south to Kermanshah province in the north, the unusually high number of 27 Iranian soldiers was said to have been killed, indicating a fresh upsurge in the intensity of the fighting.

The battle reports also said 256 counter-revolutionaries had been killed in Kurdistan

province, most of them in the area between Mahabad and Bukan. Counter-revolutionaries in this context is normally taken to mean Kurdish rebels fighting for greater autonomy. Observers said this was by far the highest number of rebels mentioned in official despatches in recent months.

There have been frequent reports in recent of serious unrest in Kurdistan, but the province is out of limits to Western observers and no independent assessment of the situation is possible.

The Arabic Gulf News Agency reported that Palesian leader Yasser Arafat and eight Muslim leaders will arrive in Tehran Saturday for two days of talks aimed at ending the five-month-old war between Iran and Iraq.

Meanwhile, the former commander of Iran's Air Force is under interrogation in Tehran on suspicion of laying the groundwork for the U.S. attempt to rescue the American hostages, Pars reported.

**Defense minister asserts**  
**France will act if Gulf is threatened**

By Jawad Sidawi

PARIS, Feb. 27 — France will not stay hand-folded, or as an arbitrator in case the Arab Gulf is threatened, the country's new defense minister, Robert Gallat, has told Arab News and its sister magazine *Al-Majallah* in the first interview to an Arab publication since he took office on Dec. 22, 1980.

Gallat said that France preserved its full latitude to move at the proper time to any area of the world where international peace is threatened. But he specified that France does not seek to be part of the two superpowers rivalry, or compete with them in a destructive capacity or in the stockpiling of nuclear weapons. It has no expansionist designs and its only purpose is to defend its national soil and interests anywhere in the world and honor its obligations in Europe, in general, and Africa, in particular. All it has is its strategic nuclear strike force, conventional

armies and the Foreign Legion, he said.

The French defense minister predicted that the war between Iraq and Iran will have direct military consequences over the situation in the Gulf. "It would be a great mistake to think otherwise," he said. He also said that since the beginning of the war between the two states, France immediately sent a fleet of minesweepers to make sure that navigation and oil supplies will not be interrupted. However, he said, "the threat of a disruption of oil supplies to the West is now a remote and irrational possibility, and it is in no one's interest that such a menace should exist." He added that, France was studying with great concern what is going on in the Gulf. "Conflicts in general and between certain states, in particular, can only create, powder kegs that, in case of conflagration, would have unforeseen consequences for mankind." He said that France will always do all that it can to restore peace in the Gulf.

Gallat did not rule out the possibility of a



French military intervention in Chad, "as this would not be the first time that France comes to the rescue of our African friends with whom we have defense treaties," he said. France has been consolidating its military presence in Africa recently in response to an appeal by some of those friends with whom we have such treaties," he added, "especially after the latest developments in the situation in Central Africa."

France has a considerable nuclear deterrent force today, Gallat said, and is constantly enhancing its nuclear capability, despite the fact that it ranks third, in this field, after the two superpowers. Its strategic and tactical nuclear weapons are distributed over 37 Mirage IV warplanes, land-to-land missiles at Albon base, five nuclear submarines with 10 missiles each, and other tactical weapons of all kinds. And as of 1984/85, the submarine will be equipped with multiple nuclear warheads to double the naval forces striking capacity.

**Spanish arrests continue**  
**Sotelo cabinet sworn in**

MADRID, Feb. 27 (AP) — King Juan Carlos swore in Spain's new centerist government Friday four days after an abortive military coup that the defense ministry hinted could involve more arrests of high-ranking army officers.

The 43-year-old king, who put down the attempted overthrow of the government by ordering loyal units to crush it, gave the oath to the new cabinet of Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo in his Zarzuela Palace residence on Madrid's outskirts.

A civilian defense ministry and the military appointment of a civilian prosecutor underscore reports that the new premier and military authorities were united in a crackdown on coup rebels.

Two of Spain's 11 regional military commands, four generals and three other officers already have been arrested in the failed coup. The defense ministry statement late Thursday, one of the few official declarations since the coup, said the possible involvement of other high military men was based on preliminary testimony from "the presumed guilty" officers.

The ministry said there were "indications" Maj. Gen. Alfonso Armada, former military instructor of King Juan Carlos and onetime

secretary of the royal household, "intended unconstitutionally to resume the premiership of the government." Gen. Armada was dismissed from his post as deputy army chief of staff by the caretaker government two days ago. His arrest was announced in the defense ministry statement.

The newspaper *El Pais* said Gen. Armada repeatedly deceived his superior, army chief of staff Lt. Gen. Jose Gabeiras, when paramilitary civil guardsmen stormed the parliament Monday as it was voting to confirm Sotelo new premier. Military sources said 240 civil guards were under detention.

The civil guard command in Madrid said the guards led by Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero Molina were from three different units but that no single unit of the guard revolted. Col. Tejero surrendered after holding the government and more than 340 parliamentarian members hostage for 18 hours.

Also under arrest was Lt. Gen. Jaime Milans Del Bosch, a right-wing general who sent his tanks into the streets of Valencia without military authority in apparent support of the coup. Milans Del Bosch was relieved from his command as captain general of the Valencia military district before his arrest was announced.



**SOVIET-CUBAN FRIENDSHIP:** Cuban leader Fidel Castro (center) with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev (right) and Konstantin Chernenko, secretary of the central committee of the Soviet Communist Party, photographed prior to their talks in Moscow Thursday. The discussion, on the fourth day of the 26th Soviet party congress, came amid growing charges and counter-charges over the alleged role of the Soviet bloc, including Cuba, in aiding antigovernment guerrillas in El Salvador.

**New tremors rock Greece**

ATHENS, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Earth tremors have continued to shake Greece since the wake of Tuesday's devastating earthquake. Five new tremors measuring up to 4.5 on the Richter Scale were recorded overnight, but no victims or damage were reported. Seventy six tremors were felt Thursday, the strongest measuring 4.5 on the Richter Scale.

Tuesday's earthquake damaged the ancient Greek temple of Parthenon, cracking several columns and causing the 2,500-year-old structure to shift slightly on the Acropolis, the ministry of culture and sciences said Friday. But museum officials said the ancient monuments of Corinth, the epicenter of the quake which measure 6.8 on the Richter scale, miraculously escaped damage.

**Submarine sale to Taipei**  
**Peking asks recall of Dutch ambassador**

PEKING, Feb. 27 (AP) — China, calling the proposed sale of two Dutch submarines to Taipei "grave interference in China's affairs," said Friday it was immediately recalling its ambassador from The Hague and asked for recall of the Dutch ambassador here. "It must be pointed out that the distressing development of Sino-Dutch relations to the present status is entirely the making of the Dutch government," the foreign ministry said in a note delivered to Dutch ambassador Jan Kneppelhout here.

China already had asked for the Dutch ambassador's withdrawal by demanding Jan. 19 that Sino-Dutch relations be downgraded to the charge of affaires level. But the ambassador remained here while the Dutch government reconsidered its approval for the submarine sale by a private shipyard. He is expected to leave for home next week.

In the Hague, the Chinese embassy had no immediate comment. But an official at the embassy confirmed that Chinese ambassador to Holland Ding Xuesong has not been in The Hague since last October. So her recall would

be a formality. The ambassador went to Peking for a working vacation and then remained in China after the controversy erupted, the official said.

The Dutch government announced last Friday it was sticking to its original decision. The Chinese note said a note from the Dutch embassy to the Chinese foreign ministry Thursday "tried hard to justify" the Dutch act of undermining the friendly Sino-Dutch relations.

"It failed to show the slightest indication that it would change its original decision. Instead it stated that it was prepared to enter into negotiations with the Chinese government in order to arrive at a solution of the problems that had arisen between the two countries," the Chinese note added. But it declared that "so long as the Dutch govern-

ment obstinately sticks to this decision, there is no basis existing for a negotiated settlement of the above problems."

To protect China's state sovereignty and national dignity, the note said, China "has decided to recall immediately its ambassador to the kingdom of the Netherlands and also asks the Dutch government to recall its ambassador to the People's Republic of China."

**Peru-Ecuador dispute ends**

LIMA, Feb. 27 (R) — Peru has said it considered its present border dispute with Ecuador was over after Ecuadorian troops pulled back to the western side of the Condor mountain range. The causes of the border skirmishes of the past four weeks had been removed, the government said in a statement.

The four guarantor countries of the Rio De Janeiro Peace Treaty which ended a previous war between the two nations 40 years ago said in Brasilia Thursday earlier that both armies had agreed to withdraw "a reasonable

distance" from the disputed area. Peruvian and Ecuadorian army chiefs met Thursday night in the Ecuadorian border town of Huaquilas for their first direct talks since fighting erupted late last month.

The Peruvian statement praised efforts by the guarantor countries — Brazil, Chile, Argentina and the United States — to restore peace and said future talks between the military of the two countries would pave the way for agreements on broader issues. Ecuador has long claimed a large area of northern Peru with access to the River Amazon.

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